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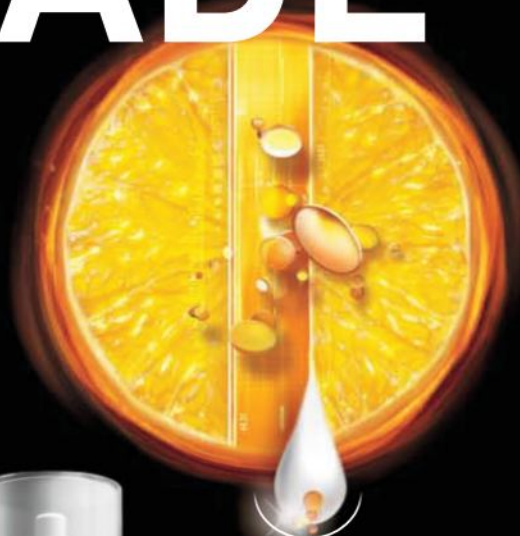
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## green & pink

Pumped up pastels are such preppy fun! The sea glass shade is fresh, and the pale pink adds a soft touch. And these shams would look so great with a monogram.



## yellow & gray

Warm yellow linens look cozy next to the lattice-pattern headboard, which takes on a graphic edge in pewter gray. All that's missing is a polished nickel floor lamp.



## blue & brown

Cornflower blue keeps the khaki and chocolate combo from being a yawn. A rattan side table and a brass lamp would really round out this look.



## purple & blue

White linens seem so simple, but rich purple accessories give this bed a sophisticated feel. Doesn't this just beg for white tulips on a mirrored table?

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# do my **household habits** seem funny to you?

**m**y mom and I share the same hazel eyes and obsession with butterscotch pudding, but until recently, I never gave much thought to the household habits I also inherited from her—like how I always keep flour and chopped nuts in the freezer (they stay fresh longer!) and how, when I'm doing **laundry**, I fold my loads in order while watching TV: towels first, then clothes, socks last. It's pretty obvious how these routines got started—I imitated my mom, who imitated her mom, and so on. Where else would I have picked up my admittedly strange need to have the **vacuum cleaner patterns** run crisscross on my carpet? No fan shapes allowed! And don't even get me started on toilet paper. There is a right and a wrong way to hang it. It should unroll over the top. Want proof? If it unrolls from underneath, the kind with the embossed pattern will be facing the wrong way. And who wants to see that!

All of us have our own ways of keeping our homes running smoothly. HGTV host Genevieve Gorder shares some clever **organizing ideas** in her story on page 67. Check out how she labels her spices and the compartments in the apothecary cabinet in her living room. One of those drawers is labeled "life" and contains items she needs to start her day. I love that. HGTV host Tanika Ray reveals on page 74 that she always asks guests to remove their shoes before they come into her house. Where'd she get that idea? From her sister-in-law. And then on page 115, I hope you'll find the stuff our three **kitchen experts** can't live without as fascinating as I do. Note to self: Must buy immersion blender this weekend! I have room to keep it in my **silverware drawer**, which does not have any teaspoons in it. That's because I store them separately in a jar on my kitchen counter next to my sugar bowl, just the way my grandma did.

*Sara*  
Sara Peterson  
Editor in Chief

## YOU TOLD US!

The results are in from our latest hgtv.com polls. Check out these revealing stats:

Do you open your mail immediately or let it pile up?  
**81%** open it immediately  
**19%** let it pile up

Does toilet paper in your house unroll over or under?  
**83%** over  
**17%** under

Glasses in your kitchen cabinet: upside down or right side up?  
**59%** upside down  
**41%** right side up

Do you let your dog sleep in your bed?  
**51%** yes  
**49%** no

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# we asked this issue's contributors: “what’s on your fridge door?”



**KATE DOHERTY**, *HGTV Magazine* market editor (“Shop Like a Stylist,” page 139) This New York City native has been honing her shopping skills since preschool. “I refused to nap, so a teacher would take me to Bloomingdale’s instead!” Her secret for scoring great stuff: “Ask the salespeople to email you dates of new shipments and sales.”

**ON HER FRIDGE:** Cards and photos attached with Mighty Magnets (\$15 for set of 12), which she found while shopping at The Container Store for this issue’s story. “They’re scary strong!”

**ELIZABETH JENKINS**, writer (“We Live in the Father of the Bride House!” page 80) The L.A. scribe profiled the family living in the famous house she once admired herself. “When I pulled in the driveway for the interview, I felt like I was parking on sacred ground.”

**ON HER FRIDGE:** Party invites, 3-year-old Austin’s artwork, magnetic letters, and a clean bib for Ainsley, 10 months. “When she’s hungry, I don’t have to hunt around for one.”



**LUCAS ALLEN**, photographer (Cover) The lensman who shot our bed-themed cover cherishes sleep time. His bed, topped with gray linen shams, is his favorite spot in the house. When not lying low on weekends, he’s browsing the Brooklyn flea market with his wife and their 1-year-old son, Felix.

**ON HIS FRIDGE:** A *New Yorker* cartoon depicting a wife giving her couch potato husband an earful over his chore list. The space above the refrigerator serves as a fully stocked cocktail bar.

**SABRINA SOTO**, HGTV host (“The High/Low List,” page 47) *The High Low Project* star is a whiz at finding luxe-for-less furnishings for her New York City apartment. “I once found an amazing piece of modern art at an online estate sale,” she says. “I shop for almost everything online!”

**ON HER FRIDGE:** Pictures of Sabrina with her childhood best friend at the beach, her grandparents, and her labradoodle, Harper. A caddy keeps an oven mitt and towels at the ready.



**SARAH DORIO**, photographer (“We Heart Tudors!” page 89) This Atlanta photographer lives in the oldest house in her neighborhood—a white hilltop cottage built around 1900. Between shooting magazine assignments, Sarah edits her work in her home office. “It overlooks our neighbor’s front yard, so I enjoy hearing the nearby buzz.”

**ON HER FRIDGE:** An ever-changing collage of wedding pics, movie stubs, and restaurant mementos, and currency from a trip to Spain. “When people come over, they spend a considerable amount of time standing in front of the fridge, just staring.”

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*you raved about:*

- **AN UNEXPECTED SEATING COMBO.** Traditional chairs on one side, two-seater stools on the other, all of them dressed in a creamy linen fabric. Plus: There's storage under those skirts!
- **THAT DAZZLING CHANDELIER.** Who says art has to be on the walls? In this space, the wow accessory hangs from the ceiling and gives the mostly beige space a hit of glam. It's fun to see a classic fixture in a lively, "hey, look at me!" color.
- **THE RICH/RUSTIC TABLE.** The marble top and wood base hit just the right note—formal but still friendly.

**DESIGNER:** Meg Adams, Atlanta



*you raved about:*

3

knockout  
colors

- **SUCH A BOLD TEAL PAINT.** It's easy to do brown or red in a dining space (haven't we all been there, done that?), but this exciting shade is something new, and it looks great paired with sassy orange and red accents.
- **THE RELAXED FEEL OF THE ROOM.** Can't you see a kid doing homework here one night, and friends gathering together for a laid-back dinner party the next?
- **LOOK, NO RUG!** Those clean-lined chairs sure are sitting pretty on that warm wood floor. No more accessorizing needed.

**DESIGNER:** Beth Haley, Nashville



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Which of these dining rooms would you want for your home? More than 2,000 fans chose a fave on hgtv.com.



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2

*you raved about:*

- **THOSE LADDER-BACK CHAIRS.** The 1960s seats look like little sculptures that you can sit in.
- **A SOOTHING COLOR SCHEME.** Pale taupe walls, honey-hued drapes, and a pebble-textured rug are easy to live with. Same with the simple group of vases in the center of the table.
- **THAT DRUM SHADE FIXTURE.** The whole thing is wrapped in fabric, so it casts a flattering glow.

**DESIGNER:** Matthew Leverone, San Francisco



A+ mix  
of prints


4

*you raved about:*

- **WALLPAPER WITH A STARRING ROLE.** The secret to pulling off this many patterns without getting dizzy is to layer different sizes: small blossoms on the wall; medium ikat on the upholstered chairs; and a wide, graphic lattice on the rug.
- **AQUA!** So surprising for dining. White would have taken the room in an entirely different—and probably dull—direction.
- **A BIGGER-THAN-USUAL RUG.** Here's a little decorating trick: Let the rug extend way beyond the chairs. It gives the illusion that the room is bigger than it really is.

**DESIGNER:** Katie Ridder, New York City

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## how bad is it...

...to let your dog sleep in your bed?

**A:** Your pooch essentially walks around barefoot and (how do we say this politely?) doesn't use toilet paper, so if you share a bed, pet wipes are a good idea. If you're worried about catching a disease from your dog, rest assured, the risk is very low, says René Carlson, D.V.M., president of the American Veterinary Medical Association, who recommends regular wellness visits to the vet to keep both your pet and you healthy. Flea and tick prevention is also key, since humans can get flea bites from dogs. "About 60% of people sleep with their dogs," says Dr. Carlson. "I sleep with my two every night!"

► **bottom line:**  
**not bad at all**

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how bad is it...

...to use new **towels** before washing them?

**A:** Just-bought towels and washcloths may look clean, but manufacturers typically treat them with powerful starch or finishing sprays—many of which contain formaldehyde—to repel stains and minimize wrinkling. You won't become gravely ill if you dry off with towels straight from the store, but to avoid inhaling toxic fumes and risking a rash, run them through a full washing machine cycle first.

► **bottom line:**  
**sorta bad**

...to "borrow"  
a neighbor's **Wi-Fi**  
without permission?

**A:** Let's face it, it's not uncommon—32% of Americans have tried to get on someone else's Wi-Fi network, according to a 2011 Wi-Fi Alliance study—but it is unethical. If the network next door isn't password-protected (not smart, by the way) and you're using it to connect to the Internet, you're pilfering. A one-time offense is relatively harmless, but if you're piggybacking often, you're slowing down the connection, and that's annoying to everyone. You may also be compromising your personal data, since your network-subscribing neighbor could potentially access your emails and see the websites you've visited if you're co-opting their connection. Like with French fries, it's best to order your own.

► **bottom line:**  
**pretty bad**

...not to tell a friend she has food in her **teeth** at a party?

**A:** Come on, wouldn't you want to know? Either catch her eye and subtly make the universal tooth-pointing gesture, or get her away from the crowd so she can do a mirror check on the sly.

► **bottom line:**  
**super bad**

...to put sharp **knives** in the dishwasher?

**A:** Good knives are pricey, and throwing them in the dishwasher shortens their lifespan by dulling blades and loosening handles. Take a few minutes (seconds, really) and hand-wash knives with warm water and a drop of dish soap, then wipe dry with a soft cloth.

► **bottom line:**  
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## talk to a toolman

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*Curb Appeal's* **Chip Wade** weighs in on five common questions.

**Q:** Can I replace a chipped tile in the middle of my kitchen floor?

**CHIP SAYS: HIRE A PRO.** You'll need a tile and flooring expert with an oscillating tool and an abrasive grout attachment to remove the grout and tile pieces, then pop in a new one. After a 24-hour drying period, the pro will come back and apply an

extra layer of grout to finish the job. Prices vary depending on where you live, but I'd budget around \$200 for the project.

**Q:** How do we keep our windows from fogging up in the winter?

**CHIP SAYS: GIVE IT A GO.** Condensation on the inside of windows could mean your house

“My quick fix for foggy windows: Reglaze them using supplies from the hardware store on a low-humidity day.”

is too humid, and a dehumidifier will solve the problem. If that doesn't work, it may mean air is leaking in around the glass. Buy some window glaze at the hardware store and apply it to the edges of the windows to create a seal. If you have wooden windows, the frames may have cracks, and a simple paint touch-up will likely fix the leak.

**Q:** What do I do about a broken doorbell?

**CHIP SAYS: GIVE IT A GO.**

Doorbells are pretty simple devices, but they're also mini electrical appliances that should be handled carefully. First try flipping your fuse breaker—the problem could be just a blown fuse. If the doorbell still isn't working, turn off your power, then unscrew the switch plate and check to see if the two wires behind it are connected tightly; you may need to adjust them. Still not hearing a buzz? It could mean there's no power running

to the switch. Time to call in an electrician for the fix so you don't risk getting shocked or burned.

**Q:** I'm tired of my bathroom sink faucet. Is it easy to install a new one?

**CHIP SAYS: HIRE A PRO.**

This looks like an easy job, but it's actually

deceptively cumbersome, so I'd leave it to a plumber. He'll have to turn off the water and spend about an hour disconnecting and reconnecting the supply lines before he can actually install the faucet. And if the plumber says the supply lines look worn, it's a good idea to replace them while you have help on hand.

**Q:** My dresser has one tricky drawer that won't pull out. Help!

**CHIP SAYS: GIVE IT A GO.**

It's probably the drawer's slides that are sticking, and if they're metal, a little spray lubricant like WD-40 will help things run more smoothly. If the slides are wooden, friction could be causing a binding effect. Remove the drawer and examine all of the slides, both on the drawer and inside the dresser, for any pieces that are broken or splintered. Lightly sand those areas, then finish with a coat of beeswax. ■

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# how well do you know your house?

A quick quiz to test your homeowner smarts.



**1. In the winter the propane tank for your barbecue grill should go:**

- [A] in the basement
- [B] in the garbage
- [C] nowhere (it stays outside)
- [D] in the garage

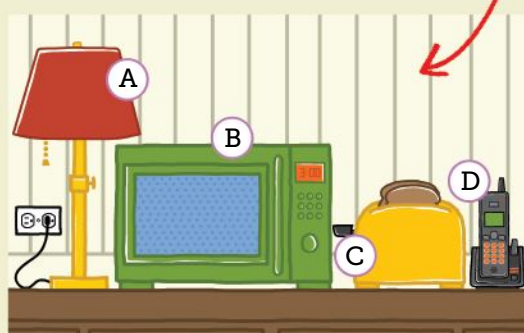
**2. To ensure your smoke detector is working when you need it, you should test it:**

- [A] once a week
- [B] once a month
- [C] once a year
- [D] every time you whack it with a broom to turn the overly sensitive thing off!

**3. Which of these sap electricity even when they're not turned on?**

(choose two)

- [A] lamp
- [B] microwave
- [C] toaster
- [D] cordless phone



**4. What's the best way to keep pipes from freezing?**

- [A] coat them with gray primer
- [B] turn the furnace up higher
- [C] keep a trickle of water running from your faucets
- [D] insulate them with sleeves or wrap made of fiberglass or foam

**5. During the cold-weather seasons, you should change your \_\_\_\_\_ once a month.**

- [A] furnace filter
- [B] radiator valves
- [C] chimney liner
- [D] thermostat battery

**6. On average, washing machines last \_\_\_\_\_ years before they kick the bucket:**

- [A] 5
- [B] 10
- [C] 15
- [D] 20 or more

**7. During the winter your ceiling fan should rotate \_\_\_\_\_.**

- [A] clockwise
- [B] counterclockwise

**8. One of black mold's favorite places to lurk is:**

- [A] on the kitchen counter
- [B] in closets
- [C] in light fixtures
- [D] in the oven

**9. Small piles of sawdust under a windowsill or by a doorframe mean you could have:**

- [A] spider mites
- [B] carpenter ants
- [C] termites
- [D] Japanese beetles

**10. A standard homeowner's policy typically covers damage from:**

(choose two)

- [A] rodents
- [B] tornadoes
- [C] earthquakes
- [D] fallen satellites or other space debris

**turn the page  
to continue**



## help wanted

**11. Baby powder keeps raccoons away from garbage cans.**

- [A] true  
[B] false

**12. Your bathtub drain is clogged. Before you call the plumber, the first thing you should reach for is a:**

- [A] plunger  
[B] homemade solution of baking soda and vinegar  
[C] store-bought liquid clog remover  
[D] wire hanger



**13. You can find a soffit vent:**

- [A] behind your dryer  
[B] behind your furnace  
[C] on the underside of your roofline  
[D] on the underside of your range hood

**14. Which of the following should be used to clean sealed hardwood floors?**

- [A] oil soap  
[B] ammonia  
[C] a soaking wet mop and a bucket of water  
[D] none of the above



## ANSWER SHEET

**1. [C] Nowhere (it stays outside).** Propane canisters are highly combustible, so you should never store one in your home or garage. Just unhook the canister, cover it, and leave it outside during winter.

**2. [B] Once a month.** Push the test button and make sure it beeps loudly.

**3. [B] Microwave and [D] Cordless phone.** (Count the answer as correct only if you chose both.) A good rule to follow: If it has a clock, uses a remote, or has a power adapter, chances are it's sucking electricity. To save money and energy, use power strips. Flip off the switch when you don't need these items.

**4. [D] Insulate them with sleeves or wrap made of fiberglass or foam.** They're about \$6 per 25 feet at hardware stores. The sooner you insulate your pipes, the better, because once a pipe freezes, it's more prone to burst during the next cold-weather spell.

**5. [A] Furnace filter.** If it's clogged, the fan has to work harder, your furnace uses more energy, and your house won't get as warm.

**6. [B] 10.** That's according to a National Association of Home Builders study.

**7. [A] Clockwise.** Warm air rises, and rotating your fan clockwise on low helps push it from the ceiling to the floor, which heats the room.

**8. [B] In closets.** Black mold—which can lead to asthma, infections, and other health issues—can be found almost anywhere in a house. But it loves the closed-in darkness of closets, so that's a prime spot to check. You may need a flashlight to find it and an expert to remove it.

**9. [B] Carpenter ants.** Unlike termites, carpenter ants don't eat wood—they burrow through it to build their nests, leaving sawdust behind. You'll likely need a pro to get rid of them if they're inside the wall.

**10. [B] Tornadoes and [D] Fallen satellites or other space debris.** (Count the answer as correct only if you chose both.) Earthquake insurance must be purchased under a separate policy, and property damage that is considered a result of neglect or poor

maintenance (such as rodent infestation, rust, and mold) is typically not covered.

**11. [A] True.** Raccoons don't like how dust feels on their paws, so sprinkling baby powder on garbage can lids helps keep them away.

**12. [D] Wire hanger.** Straighten it, then use needle-nose pliers to bend the tip into a hook. Insert the hook into the drain and pull out any hair and other gunk. Flush with hot water. If it's still clogged, follow up with a plunger.

**13. [C] On the underside of your roofline.** Soffit vents are the grates below the eaves, which help ventilate the attic. It's important to keep them clear. Poor ventilation can damage your roof and insulation, and cause leaks and mildew growth.

**14. [D] None of the above.** Ammonia and oil soaps can leave residue. And cleaning with too much water can damage the finish and cause the wood to expand. Experts suggest using a nontoxic cleaner specially formulated for wood, such as Bona or Method Squirt + Mop wood floor cleaner.

**HOW MANY DID YOU GET RIGHT?** **13+**

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Nice job. Your house IQ is pretty impressive.

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Uh-oh. Do you keep candy in your toolbox?

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## MAKE LAUNDRY DAY LESS PAINFUL WITH...

**A sink for hand-washing.** Matthew Frederick, the New Jersey designer who created this laundry room, used a porcelain farm sink. "Chemicals won't stain porcelain like they would soapstone, and porcelain won't scratch like stainless steel can," says Matthew.

**LITTLE LAUNDRY TIP:** A two-minute soak in the sink isn't enough. "Grab a cup of coffee, sit down, and put your feet up," says Heloise, author of *Handy Household Hints From Heloise*. "If you wore the garment only a few times and it's not soiled, soak it for about 10 minutes, then rinse. But if the clothing has a stain, rub it gently with detergent, then give the garment a half hour in the sink."

**Bins for sorting.** Use them for separating, toting, and general corralling. Designate one to hold lone socks until you find the match.

**LITTLE LAUNDRY TIP:** Separate by material, too. "Wash fuzzy sweatshirts, chenille robes, anything flannel, and new towels in a load by themselves," says Martha Chapin, American Cleaning Institute's manager of education. "Keep them away from corduroy and permanent-press items, which are like magnets for lint."

**Countertops for folding.** A nice wide surface (around six feet long and two feet deep) is ideal.

**LITTLE LAUNDRY TIP:** Don't fold clothes hot out of the dryer. "You can wind up with creases that are hard to get rid of," says Tremitchell Wright, a Whirlpool Institute of Fabric Science engineer. Wait until clothes are room temperature before you start folding.

**A rod for hanging.** It's the key tool for keeping shirts smooth and crease-free.

**LITTLE LAUNDRY TIP:** "Take collared shirts out of the dryer a few minutes before they're dry to prevent the neck from stretching out and the collar from getting floppy," says



Kirby Allison, founder of [hangerproject.com](http://hangerproject.com). "Pop the collar before you put the shirt on a hanger, then fasten the top button and pull the shirt straight." If you don't have enough space for a full hanging rod, mount a valet rack to the wall and fold it up when you're not using it (\$6, [organizeit.com](http://organizeit.com)).



## DID YOU KNOW...

### **YOU SHOULD CLEAN THE INSIDE OF YOUR WASHING MACHINE**

to keep it and your clothes smelling fresh. "Washing machines shouldn't smell bad—they wash things! But if there's a stink to your machine, fill it to capacity with hot water, then add a gallon of plain white vinegar and run a normal cycle." —Heloise, household expert/author

### **YOU CAN PUT THE LINT SCREEN FROM THE DRYER IN THE DISHWASHER**

to give it a thorough cleaning. "Wash it on the top rack every three months or so." —Fred Holzhauser, "green chef" at Method

### **HOT PINK, BRIGHT GREEN, AND ELECTRIC BLUE CAN BLEED MORE**

than other colors. "Wash them separately as a test before adding them to a load." —Martha Chapin, American Cleaning Institute

Store a stepladder in a corner for reaching high-up bins.



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### 3 STAIN-BUSTERS TO HAVE ON HAND



**RUBBING ALCOHOL FOR INK:** "Stretch the stained fabric over the mouth of a jar or glass. Drip alcohol through the stain until it disappears." —*TREMITCHELL WRIGHT, WHIRLPOOL INSTITUTE OF FABRIC SCIENCE*



**RAISE FOR ARMPIT STAINS:** "It works great for getting rid of ring around the collar, too."

—*MELANIE FASCITELLI, CLOSET ORGANIZER AND FOUNDER OF CLOS-ETTE*

**BLUE DAWN DISH SOAP FOR GREASE:** "No laundry room should be without it. A few drops can remove even the grimeiest food grease. It's a lifesaver for people with messy children... or husbands." —*LAUREN HILL, BLOGGER FOR MAMASLAUNDRYTALK.COM*



## A FULL LOAD OF LAUNDRY TIPS

**"USING TOO MUCH DETERGENT** can actually make your clothes dirtier. Overdosing creates excess suds, which result in residue on clothes that attracts dirt and odors. Trust the fill lines and pay attention to load size." —*FRED HOLZHAUER, METHOD*

rinse cleaner." —*HELOISE, HOUSEHOLD EXPERT/AUTHOR*

**"DROP SIX TENNIS BALLS** in the dryer with pillows, down blankets, or down coats to fluff them up as they dry."



—*TREMITCHELL WRIGHT, WHIRLPOOL INSTITUTE OF FABRIC SCIENCE*

**"DRYERS CAN CATCH FIRE.** Every six months, disconnect, inspect, and clean the exhaust hose. You can do it yourself or hire a professional. If the exhaust duct opening outside the house is low to the ground, check it monthly for leaves, birds' nests, and other debris." —*LILLYAN BAKER, SPOKESPERSON FOR MR APPLIANCE*

**"STEAMING OR IRONING** works best when clothes are damp, not totally dry, because it's easier to remove the wrinkles before they set."

—*LINDSEY BOYD, COFOUNDER OF THE LAUNDRESS, A LINE OF DETERGENTS AND SOAPS*

**"NOTICE A LOT** of lint? That's a signal to calm down on the bleach, the hot water, or both."

—*FRED HOLZHAUER, METHOD*

**"NOT INTO IRONING?** Steaming is easier and can save you a lot of money on dry cleaning. I love the Jiffy commercial stand-up steamer (\$215, amazon.com). Sometimes I fill it with one part lavender linen water (a natural antiseptic) and two parts distilled water to freshen up my clothes." —*MELANIE FASCITELLI, CLOS-ETTE*

**"TO GET CLOTHES REALLY WHITE,** always add bleach during the last five minutes of the wash cycle."



—*TREMITCHELL WRIGHT, WHIRLPOOL INSTITUTE OF FABRIC SCIENCE*

**"DON'T WRAP SHEETS** around the washing machine's agitator. Place them on either side to get them clean and to keep fabric from fraying." —*MARTHA CHAPIN, AMERICAN CLEANING INSTITUTE*



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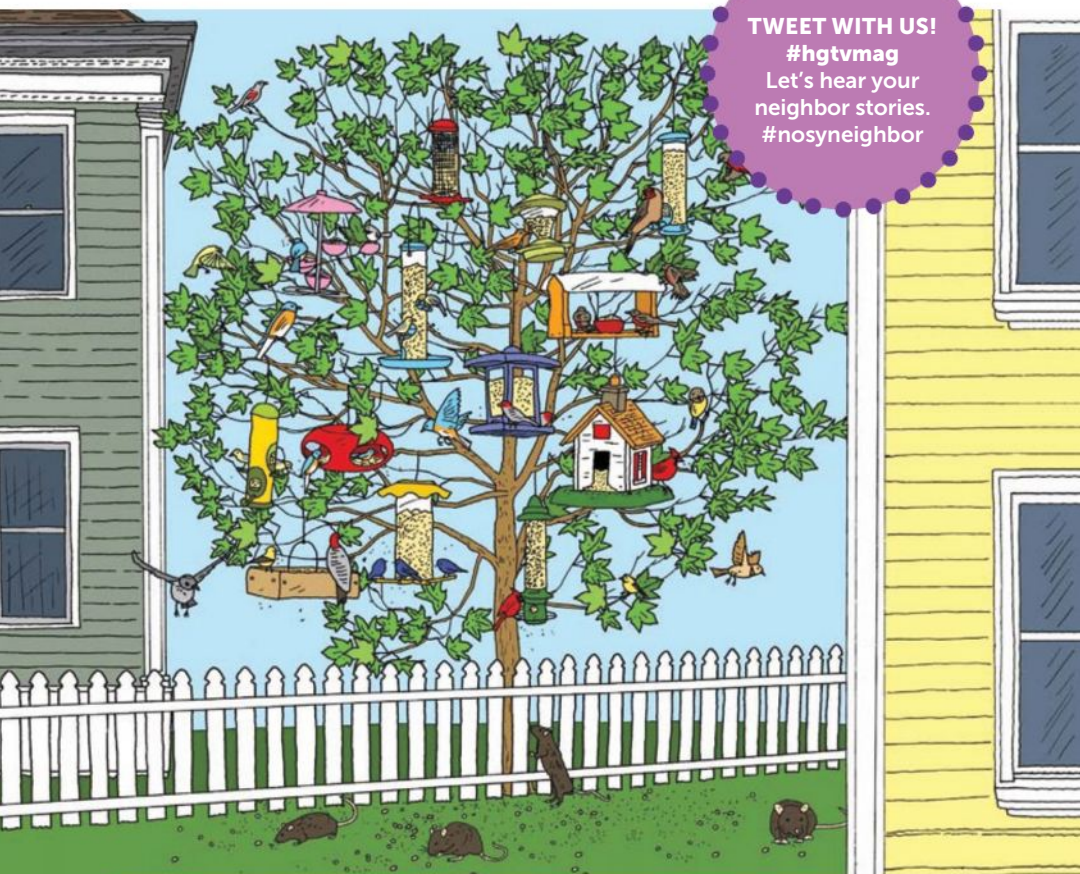
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# nutty neighbors, good advice

Our peacekeeping experts help three readers deal with some pesky problems on the block.

## \*besieged by birdhouses

**Our neighbor hangs up dozens of bird feeders and sprinkles birdseed all over the ground, which attracts flocks of feathered friends—and rats. We've caught nine in traps on our property! We just want to find a way to live pest-free.** —*Causing a Flap in Lynn, MA*

**PUT AN END TO THE AVIARY:** This is not only out of control (and weird), but it's also unsafe. "Loose seed can spoil and make birds, rodents, and even your pets ill. Plus, a concentrated feeding source like this increases the risk of animal-to-animal transmission of disease," says Anne Lichtenwalner, director of the University of Maine Animal Health Laboratory.

It's time for a chat—but don't storm over and accuse her of turning your yard into a Hitchcock film. Instead, open with something positive, suggests Patricia Rossi, author of *Everyday Etiquette*, "like, 'I love birds as much as the next person, but I'm not loving the rats that come with them—or the little gifts they drop in my yard.'" Ask if she has solutions, then offer your ideas, such as cutting back to a single feeder (or two). And don't feel bad about drumming up support from other neighbors. "If you have rats, they do too," says Rossi, who suggests a brainstorming get-together. "That way, you set a common goal: to live in a neighborhood where birds and people happily coexist. Without rodents."

## \*the never-ending playdate

**My neighbor's 8-year-old son comes over to play with my daughter nearly every day after school, and often winds up staying for dinner. I rarely hear from his parents. He's a nice kid, but I feel like I'm running a day care center!** —*Not the Nanny in Warwick, NY*

**MAKE A MEAL PLAN:** Trust us, you're not the only mom who feels like she's parenting a neighborhood. With families' super-busy schedules these days, it's not uncommon for kids to pop from house to house without any predictable routine. And it's understandable that you feel put upon, so it's time to do something about it. Is it OK if he stays for dinner one night a week? Do you want him out of the house by 5:30? Then call his parents or chat with them next time your paths cross. "Conversations are better than email. You'll get an immediate resolution," says Amy Johnson, Ph.D., a Chicago psychologist and life coach. Suggest a plan, such as: "Our family eats dinner at 6, so if Will heads home by 5:30, that would be great." If you can't get through to the parents, you may do better with the boy, says Rick Kirschner, author of *How to Click With People*. "Say something like, 'We love having you over, but some days we have [insert family obligation here]. Mondays usually work best for us.'" A kind approach, with limits.

## \*price probers

**In the past few months, three neighbors have asked me what I paid for my house. I never know how to respond and end up stammering out the price.** —*Please, I Need Privacy in Mobile, AL*

**DODGE THE QUESTIONS:** "Change the subject by making a joke, then asking a new question," suggests Rossi. "Like, 'I break into a sweat when I talk about money. Have you been to that new shoe store downtown?'" The key is a lighthearted response, so you're off the topic before you get upset.

If they won't relent, just admit you're not comfortable sharing the info. "This type of neighbor needs boundaries," says Rossi. Set them now, or soon you'll be fielding even more personal questions. By the way, if they really wanted to know how much you paid for your house, they could look it up online. ■



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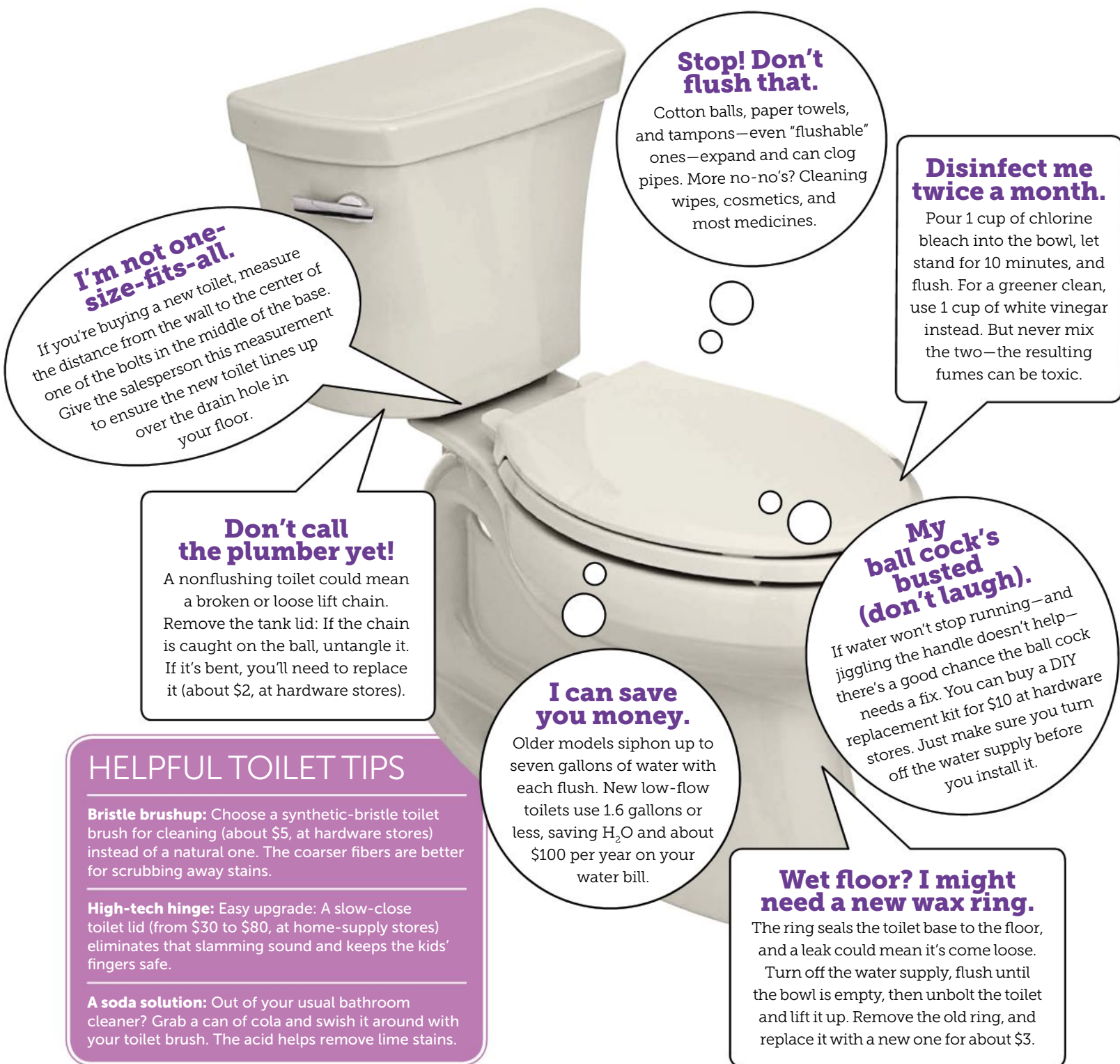
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# if your toilet could talk

Here's what you'd learn about flushing, freshening, and fixing it.



## I'm not one-size-fits-all.

If you're buying a new toilet, measure the distance from the wall to the center of one of the bolts in the middle of the base. Give the salesperson this measurement to ensure the new toilet lines up over the drain hole in your floor.

## Stop! Don't flush that.

Cotton balls, paper towels, and tampons—even “flushable” ones—expand and can clog pipes. More no-no's? Cleaning wipes, cosmetics, and most medicines.

## Disinfect me twice a month.

Pour 1 cup of chlorine bleach into the bowl, let stand for 10 minutes, and flush. For a greener clean, use 1 cup of white vinegar instead. But never mix the two—the resulting fumes can be toxic.

## Don't call the plumber yet!

A nonflushing toilet could mean a broken or loose lift chain. Remove the tank lid: If the chain is caught on the ball, untangle it. If it's bent, you'll need to replace it (about \$2, at hardware stores).

## My ball cock's busted (don't laugh).

If water won't stop running—and jigging the handle doesn't help—there's a good chance the ball cock needs a fix. You can buy a DIY replacement kit for \$10 at hardware stores. Just make sure you turn off the water supply before you install it.

## I can save you money.

Older models siphon up to seven gallons of water with each flush. New low-flow toilets use 1.6 gallons or less, saving H<sub>2</sub>O and about \$100 per year on your water bill.

## Wet floor? I might need a new wax ring.

The ring seals the toilet base to the floor, and a leak could mean it's come loose. Turn off the water supply, flush until the bowl is empty, then unbolt the toilet and lift it up. Remove the old ring, and replace it with a new one for about \$3.

## HELPFUL TOILET TIPS

**Bristle brushup:** Choose a synthetic-bristle toilet brush for cleaning (about \$5, at hardware stores) instead of a natural one. The coarser fibers are better for scrubbing away stains.

**High-tech hinge:** Easy upgrade: A slow-close toilet lid (from \$30 to \$80, at home-supply stores) eliminates that slamming sound and keeps the kids' fingers safe.

**A soda solution:** Out of your usual bathroom cleaner? Grab a can of cola and swish it around with your toilet brush. The acid helps remove lime stains.

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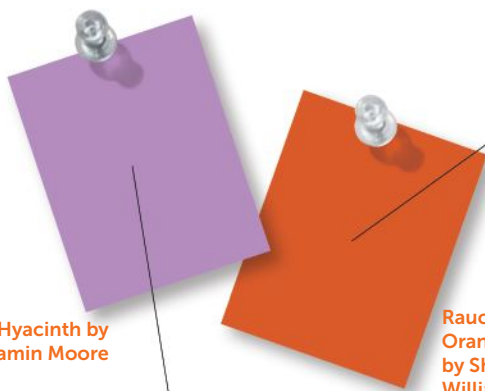


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## wow! what color is that?

These paint shades stopped us in our tracks. We asked the designers to spill their secret sources.



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### walls with a hot hue

To make orange look luxurious "and a little hip," April Sheldon of April Sheldon Design in San Francisco painted this client's living room from floor to ceiling. The trim is coated in orange too for even more impact!



### totally in vogue purple

"Think of purple as that charming man who everyone wants to talk to at a dinner party," says Anne Coyle of Anne Coyle Interiors in Chicago. "It's sophisticated but doesn't take itself too seriously." A high-gloss lavender side table was just the hit of wit this formal dining room needed.

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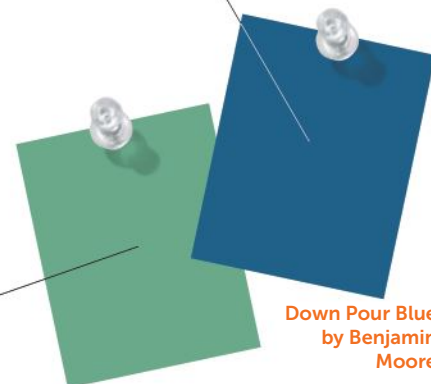


## a blue that's superrich

Emma Reddington of Marion Melbourne in Toronto turned a bland condo bedroom into a sophisticated retreat with this deep marine blue. "The room has a lot of natural light," she says, "but this shade looks just as beautiful in a windowless powder room or a dining room with candlelight."

## like stepping into sunshine

What could feel better than being welcomed home by a bright yellow foyer? "It says you're guaranteed a fun time as soon as you come through the door," says designer Phoebe Howard of Mrs. Howard in Jacksonville, FL. To keep the color crisp and sunny, paint the trim and ceiling bright white. "Steer clear of ivory or cream," she says.



Down Pour Blue  
by Benjamin  
Moore

Palmetto by Martha  
Stewart Living

## got-your- attention green

Looking to add a little vibrancy to their otherwise neutral Richmond, VA, home, owners Danielle Griffing and Nick Kougoulis painted a thrift store table emerald green, then put it in their entryway. "I'm not the type to paint a whole room or even a wall this color, but I figured on a piece of furniture, sure!" Griffing says.



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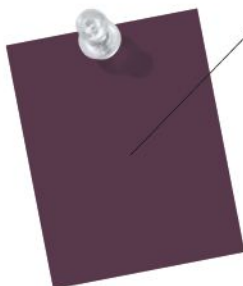
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### modern-day mauve

"Deep, earthy, and unexpected" is how Emily Henderson, host of *Secrets From a Stylist*, describes the grayish-purple shade she used to give a client's dining room the warm and inviting feel of a neighborhood bistro. Because four aubergine walls "would have felt cavelike," she painted the lower halves white, separated by a chair rail.

Vintage Charm by Benjamin Moore

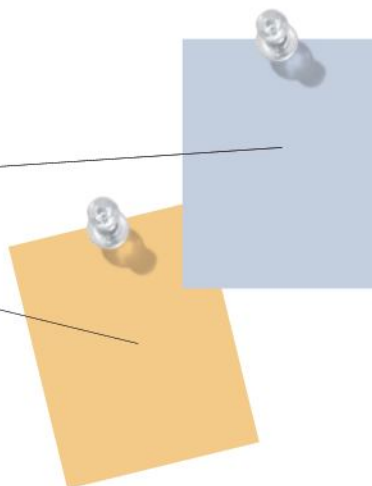


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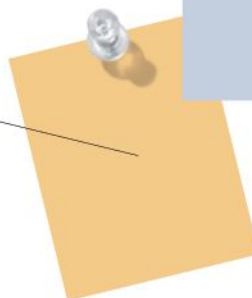
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"What an airy, upbeat room! The huge, soft rug, with all of those upholstered pieces, makes you want to plop down and stay a while. I love the sofa, but I think I'd add a few pillows and throws in tan and gray."



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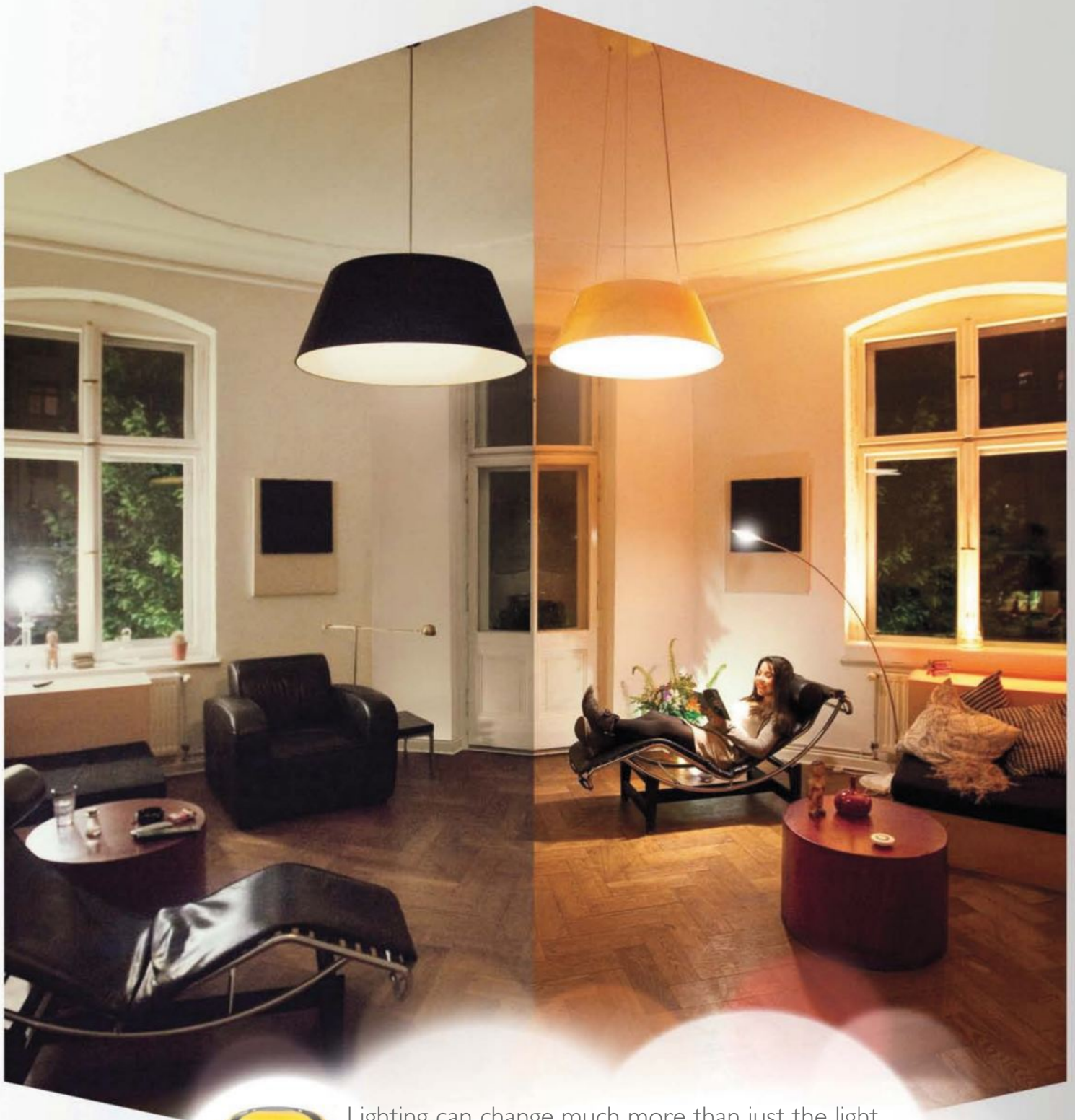


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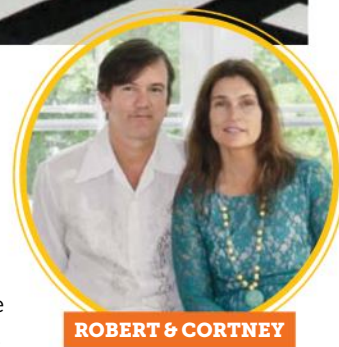
## black and white and wow all over

Pair a graphic floor with floral wallpaper and a cool-hued wall, and wham! You have a conversation piece of

a room. "More is more here," says Cortney. "It's a beach house, so we went wild with color." On the turquoise wall (Rummy by Novogratz for Stark Paint), the husband-and-wife design duo had light boxes made to display

letters. A high-tech photo store like duggal.com can do the same for you if you supply the art. Find letters at a tag sale, at a sign shop, or on eBay. "Don't worry whether they match," Cortney says. A

mishmash of colors and styles makes the artwork your own. Thronelike chairs and a big light fixture add even more drama, but the room stays grounded and livable thanks to a simple wood table and benches.



ROBERT & CORTNEY

The Everett family in their playroom—complete with stairside slide.

## steps that make you smile

A staircase is one of the Novogratzes' favorite places to play—with design. There are so many options for a space that's often overlooked. The Novogratzes came up with the wacky idea of building a slide next to these stairs, but paint and stencils go a long way too. "Create stripes out of colored duct tape, paint the steps or the spindles on the railing different colors,

or stencil phrases on the risers," says Cortney. Paint words that are important to you, like your hometown, your kids' names, or your favorite teams. Their go-to stencil source is Fast Signs ([fastsigns.com](http://fastsigns.com)), where they have custom vinyl adhesive stencils made. "They're more costly than ready-made ones, but you end up with much cleaner lines," says Cortney.



“Our kids saw the slide and were like, ‘Why haven’t you ever done that in our house?’” —Robert Novogratz



## beyond life-size!

Maybe you’ve gone out on a limb and blown up a favorite photo to 8" x 10". But to the Novogratzes, that’s just child’s play! They often supersize family pictures (go to [duggal.com](http://duggal.com); from \$10 per square foot) and plaster them over an

entire wall, like they did in this bedroom shared by triplets. Over the long, narrow wooden desk, they hung shatterproof low-wattage bulbs from colorful, bungee-style light cords, then looped the cords to get a variety of heights. A

local lighting store can assemble something similar for you. "A cluster of lights instead of just one fixture makes a much bigger impact in a room," says Cortney. And why the red bulb? "Honestly, just for fun!" she says.

# Get Martha style. Here's how.

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"Anything shiny makes a room feel livelier," says Cortney.

## save it with a coat of paint

The Novogratzes couldn't pass up this vintage table they found at an antiques shop, with its showstoppingly ornate base, originally painted gold. In the world of Novogratz, the more unusual, the better. "I tell people you need at least one vintage piece in a home, for warmth," says Cortney. What made this one a keeper? "The top is expensive

white marble, but we paid only a few hundred dollars for it." They repainted the base a high-gloss kelly green (Green Hornet by Novogratz for Stark Paint) that matches one of the walls in the room. Lesson learned: As with books, don't judge a table, chair, or hutch by its cover. A good sanding and a coat of lacquer can turn an eyesore into eye candy.

“The foyer is a great spot for a quirky piece. It's the first thing you see when you walk in and throw down your keys.”

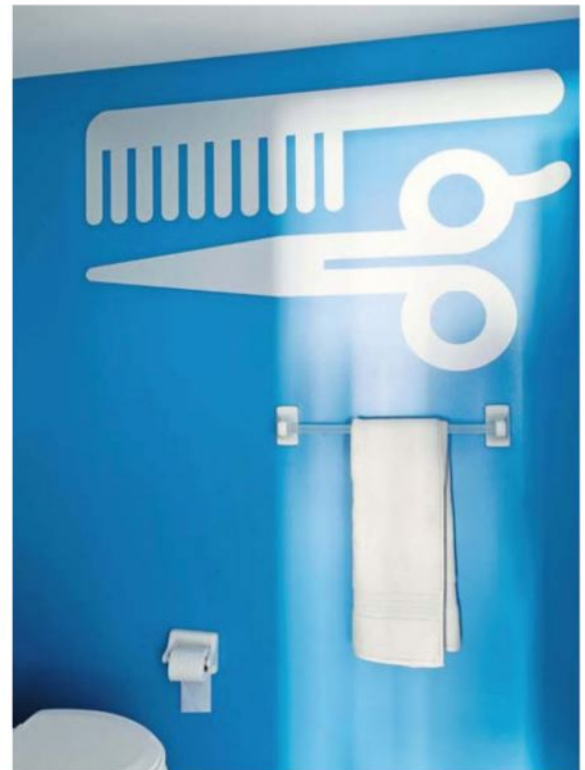
—Cortney Novogratz

## a little bathroom humor

"We needed a quick way to make a generic bathroom look hip," Cortney says of this family beach condo she and Robert made over. Jackpot: oversize scissors and comb decals on an electric blue wall (Bell Amy Blue by Novogratz

for Stark Paint). The Novogratzes have their decals custom-printed, but [whatisblik.com](http://whatisblik.com) has loads of great premade ones. "Decals decorate without taking up space," says Cortney. "Plus, they're always straight. I can't stand when people hang a

bunch of little things on a wall and they become crooked." Other hot spots for big stickers? In a kid's room, in a basement, even on a pantry door. The best part is that if you change your mind later, you can easily peel them off and start over.



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Here's a Novogratz DIY dare: Paint stripes on an angle.

## wall with a wild side

Robert and Cortney gave this dining/living area a lodgelike look—minus the taxidermy—with a painted deer-head cutout by artist Michael De Feo ([mdefeo.com](http://mdefeo.com)). “The white piano is

very classic. We needed to add something to make the space more playful,” says Cortney. Any bold art with a sense of humor will do the trick. “A big painting of your pet would be

great too.” Set the art against wide, diagonally painted stripes—a nice change from horizontal or vertical ones—and you have a winning wall. (The designers’ paint picks: Casa Blue

and Surfboard Yellow by Novogratz for Stark Paint). Then don’t overdo it with extras. A picture frame, a vase of tulips, and some books won’t take away from this wow wall. ■

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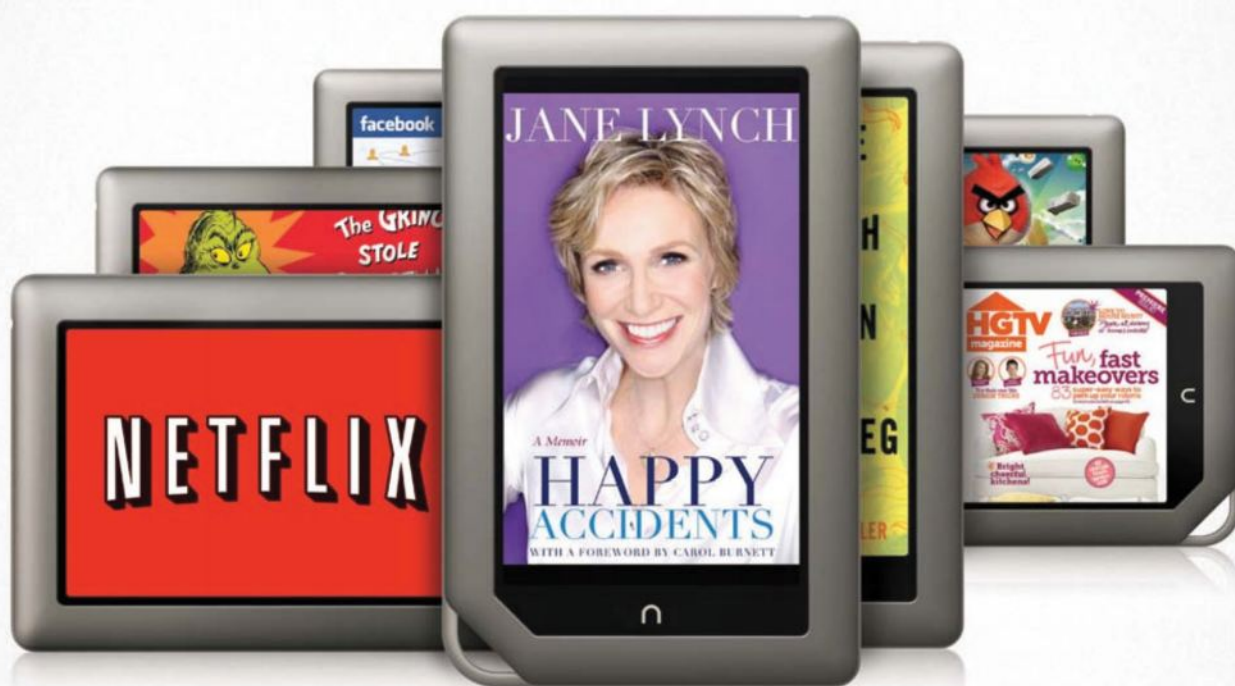
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# openhouse

She goes with the flow when she's off duty. "I used to spend 25 days a month on the road, but when Bebelle was born four years ago, I made a rule that I'd rarely travel for work. That means cooking dinner together, playing dress up, and tweeting in my pajamas. I like my domestic side!"



## genevieve for real

On *Dear Genevieve*, host **Genevieve Gorder** helps people make their home fit their lifestyle. We dropped by the New York City brownstone where this design pro—and multitasking mom—makes *her* household run smoothly.



## genevieve says...

**The original staircase was a total embarrassment.** "When I bought this place, it had a really outdated '80s-style spiral staircase. I tore it out and put in these graphic floating stairs that I just love. Even though Bebelles has mastered going up and down, I'm adding a glass side panel along the railing. And I always tell people: Don't ignore the space under the stairs. It has great storage potential. I have a large apothecary cabinet with 81 drawers under mine."

## Her mantel is a rotating art gallery.


"It's just a place for favorite things, and I change it out every season. For spring I might do quail eggs. I blow out the centers and put them in a \$2 thrift store silver goblet."

## Small spaces can handle big stuff.

"Oversize pieces give the illusion a room is larger. That's why I chose a giant mirror to put above the mantel; it draws your eye up to the ceiling. It's a little imperfect—it's actually scratched and broken in places—but to me that makes it more beautiful."

**She doesn't need a coffee table.** "The room is so narrow; it would take up too much space. I like the open area for Bebelles to play. When I have people over, I move little cocktail tables and ottomans around and set out trays of food. I don't worry about spills. The rug is cotton and washable."





Wall color:  
White Wisp  
by Benjamin  
Moore

### A white sofa? No hassle (really!).

"I picked this couch because the slipcovers are a nice thick white twill fabric that's durable and can withstand a lot of cleaning. I just throw them in the wash once a week, then slip them back on (we're spillers). Everyone's scared of a white couch when they have kids, but there's this great invention called bleach!"

## The backsplash is a kitchen's secret ingredient.

"My tiles are handmade, so they're not exactly alike, which makes the backsplash dramatic. I insisted on black grout to show off the uneven edges. The contractors were like, 'No, you don't want to do that!' They thought it would look dirty. But when it was done, they loved it as much as I did. Think of your backsplash as a special sauce: It's where you make the kitchen yours."



## Bookcases are her specialty.

"You really have to spend time working on bookshelves or they become like the kitchen junk drawer, piled with the stuff you don't have room for. There's no single secret to getting the look right; just start playing. Lay some books down in stacks, and stand some up. Put them all on the left, then all on the right. I keep my childhood journals hidden in plain sight, with the binds facing in."



Spices are easy to find in a drawer with see-through containers.

## Too many chefs in the kitchen? Nah!

"Bebelle and I cook at least one meal together every day. Her favorite dinner is spaghetti. She stands on a little counter-height stool to help me prep. Because there's no window directly in the kitchen, I layered the space with white on white and reflective materials such as glass and stainless steel."



Genevieve and Bebelles make arugula salad with a lemon dressing to go with their favorite spaghetti dish.

## open house



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Bebelle keeps her nail polish on the shelf inside this wall-mounted light fixture. "It gives off a sweet glow, especially at night. It looks really soft and comforting."



### ◀ HANDCRAFTED CROCK

The pot, from a small town in Minnesota called Red Wing, was a gift from Genevieve's best friend. "My grandmother and I both collect Red Wing pottery. I keep my vitamins in here so I'll remember to take them."



# the unauthorized HOUSE TOUR

Go behind the scenes! A peek inside Genevieve's closets and cabinets.



### ▲ BEBELLE'S ARMOIRE DRAWER

Figurines, princess dolls, and their clothes go in the middle; accessories and animals are on the left; and fairies and big dolls are on the right. The two '60s-era armoires in Bebelles room were ugly wood with pockmarks, but you'd never know it once Genevieve had them painted white.



### ▲ SHOE RACK

A cubby system built into the bedroom closet houses heels, flats, sneakers, and a little bottle of eucalyptus oil. Genevieve puts a few drops of oil in the humidifier when she's sick.

### ◀ APOTHECARY CABINET

Genevieve got this hold-everything piece, originally from a bait and tackle shop, at a salvage store. Each drawer is labeled with its contents: maps, acorns, spray adhesive, etc. The one labeled "life" holds keys, sunglasses, a hairbrush—whatever she needs on her way out the door each day. "The chest is like my garage, since I don't have one."



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# wall-to-wall happy

Hey, **Tanika Ray**, host of *HGTV'd*, which spot in your L.A. house do you adore the most?

*"my son-splashed living room"*

## walls

"Initially I painted the walls cobalt blue, but I felt like I was drowning. Forty-five minutes later I went running back to the paint store. The moment I stumbled on this golden yellow shade, Burmese Gold by Dunn-Edwards, I knew I'd hit the jackpot."

## dress form

"I went to fashion school 13 years ago, and that's when I got this dress form. I give it a new look every time I change the pillows on the couch."

## favorite chair

"The blue chair is from IKEA. We used it on the Ellen DeGeneres episode of *HGTV'd*. The color is what grabbed me at first—it's just magical. Then I sat in it and was like, fuhgettaboutit."

## house rule

"My sister-in-law is Chinese, and I always have to take off my shoes in her house. I really like that idea and decided to adopt it in my own place, too. My home is my sanctuary. Don't bring the outside mess inside. Plus, I have a white shag rug in the TV room."

PHOTOGRAPH BY **DAVID TSAY**  
INTERVIEWED BY  
**ERIN ZAMMETT RUDDY**



### artwork

"The painting was a gift to myself after I got a promotion. It looks like a girl with big curly hair, like mine, leaning against a ballet bar, stretching. I've been dancing since I was 3 years old. When I saw it, I started to tear up, and I knew it had to be mine."

### 3 a.m. cleaning

"I've been known to go on middle-of-the-night cleaning binges. I don't turn on the TV or put any music on. While the whole city is asleep, I can find some clarity. When I'm done, I miraculously pass out. In the morning I wake up to a clean house!"

### paint parties

"One of my favorite get-togethers is a party with my girlfriends where I put acrylic paints and little canvases out around the room. Everyone's nervous at first and says they don't know how to paint, but if you just sit down with a brush like you did when you were 5, you'll come out with a masterpiece."

### sofa

"This was an old grandma couch with dingy floral upholstery. I found it at a consignment shop, and because the wood was in fantastic condition, I had it recovered in Italian silk."

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formal dining room  
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AGENT: JULIE BEESON, CENTURY 21

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AGENT: VICTORIA LUHRING, DANBERRY REALTORS



**\$155,000**

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2 BR, 2 BA, 1,152 sq. ft.

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AGENT: JILL GIBSON, WILLIAM PITT SOTHEBY'S



**TENNIS AND POOL ACCESS**

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**SUNRISE, FL**

4 BR, 2½ BA, 2,403 sq. ft.

Vaulted ceilings, screened porch, master with double closets, fenced backyard with sprinkler system

AGENT: EILEEN KEDERSHA, ONE SOTHEBY'S INTERNATIONAL REALTY



**HUGE DECK AND SUN-PORCH**

**\$144,900**

**COLUMBIA, SC**

2 BR, 1 BA, 1,412 sq. ft.

Bungalow built in 1940, historic area, large family room

AGENT: BOB WILKINS, COLDWELL BANKER



**\$129,999**

**NOBLESVILLE, IN**

4 BR, 2 BA, 2,596 sq. ft.

New plumbing, kitchen, and baths; energy-efficient windows

AGENT: BEVERLY FAST SINCLAIR, KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY

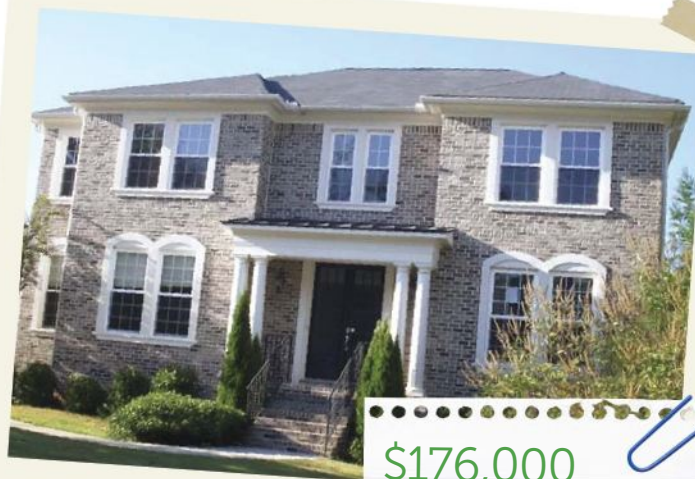
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**DES MOINES**

3 BR, 2½ BA, 1,583 sq. ft.  
Full chef's kitchen, great  
room with 20-ft. ceilings, fully  
landscaped backyard AGENT:  
BOB DARR, PEOPLES COMPANY



**\$176,000**

**ATLANTA**

4 BR, 3½ BA, 4,123 sq. ft.  
Built in 2006, open kitchen,  
large dining room, deck  
AGENT: COLLIS CLOVIE, CENTURY 21



**\$169,900**

**TULSA, OK**

3 BR, 2½ BA, 2,659 sq. ft.  
New thermal windows, fenced yard, gas  
fireplace, updated kitchen with quartz  
counters, walk-in pantry, mudroom AGENT:  
DAVID ATCHESON, KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY



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**\$190,000**

**ROGERS, AR**

4 BR, 2½ BA, 2,110 sq. ft.  
Luxe master bath, custom  
kitchen cabinetry, nestled in a  
quaint cul-de-sac AGENT: JOHN  
MAYER, COLDWELL BANKER



**\$190,000**

**SURPRISE, AZ**

5 BR, 3½ BA, 3,826 sq. ft.  
Game room, upstairs loft,  
granite countertops, close to  
shops and restaurants AGENT:  
DARRELL YOUNG, HOMESMART



**\$155,000**

**LOUISIANA, MO**

3 BR, 3 BA, 2,350 sq. ft.  
Restored home, built in 1871 in historic  
river town, refurbished windows,  
new roof AGENT: TED WIGHT, DIELMANN  
SOTHEY'S INTERNATIONAL REALTY

# "we live in the *Father of the Bride* house!"

What's it like to call a famous movie home your own? Sarah and Darrell Spence can tell you it's full of surprises.

**S**ome house hunters have all the luck. When Sarah Bradley and Darrell Spence were shopping for a home in Pasadena, CA, in 1999, they told their broker they wanted to find one just like the classic Colonial in *Father of the Bride*, the 1991 movie starring Steve Martin and Diane Keaton. Within a few months the famous house went on sale. The engaged couple looked at it the first morning it was listed, checking out all 4,339 square feet, four bedrooms, and four bathrooms. They offered less than the asking price because the real estate agent thought the house's fame had inflated it. One week later it was theirs.

## Life imitated art

Just like in the movie, the two decided to host their wedding reception at home, with cocktails in the front yard, and dinner and dancing in the back. They hired a local event planner to help with the 200-person bash in August 2000, only 10 months after they'd moved in. "When I gave her our address, she



the movie



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“There’s a line in the movie where Steve Martin says, ‘This house is warm in the winter, cool in the summer, and looks spectacular with Christmas lights.’ That pretty much sums up how we feel about our home,” says Sarah.



The Spence family: Sarah; Darrell; Ashley, 6; and Devon, 8

## real estate spy

said, 'Oh, you're near the *Father of the Bride* house,' " recalls Sarah. "I said, 'No, we are the *Father of the Bride* house.'" She was so thrilled she shouted, "I'm going to be Franck [the movie's over-the-top wedding planner]!" Although there were no swans or surprise snow at the Spences' reception, Darrell did have a cheapskate George Banks [Steve Martin's character] moment: "While planning I remember thinking, *Why not put two floodlights out and be done with the lighting?*" says Darrell. "But I realized I had to be quiet and keep writing checks."

### Fans drop by daily

On a summer day they might get seven groups of camera-toting *Father of the Bride* enthusiasts—so Sarah tries to keep the exterior picture-perfect. "I feel guilty on trash day," she says.

### People pop the question out front

The house has been the setting for real-life proposals, too. The family nearly ruined one when, on the way back from a walk with their young daughters, one was crying loudly. Sarah says, "I

saw the guy on one knee and told Darrell, 'We can't go over there with a screaming child.' They'll be like, 'Forget it!'"

### They stay true to the movie's props

When the Spences took down the white picket fence, they had to assure passersby they were replacing it with a similar one. And during a remodel just before their second daughter was born, "neighbors would see the construction and panic. We had to convince them they wouldn't be able to tell the difference once we were done," says Sarah. "It's sweet that people feel so protective."

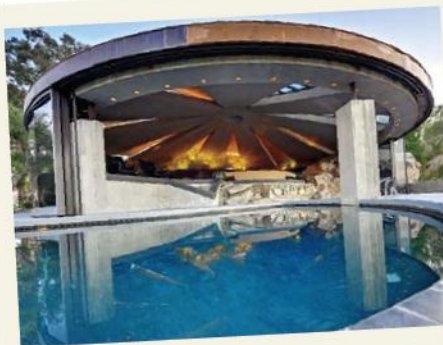
### You won't see movers in their driveway

When the Spences' contractor put a sign in the front yard to advertise his business, folks called asking the sale price, mistakenly thinking the house was on the market—which the Spences say won't happen anytime soon. "Remodeling was our commitment to being here a long, long time," says Darrell. Adds Sarah, "My husband jokes that he'll be buried in the backyard." ■

## look what's for sale! 3 movie houses



MOVIE: **A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN** LOCATION: **HENDERSON, KY**  
PRICE: **\$799,000** This three-story Victorian was a boarding house in the softball flick starring Madonna and Geena Davis. Highlights include five bedrooms, nine fireplaces, a poker room, and a ballroom.  
REALTOR: Paula Johnston, F.C. Tucker Emge Realtors



MOVIE: **DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER**  
LOCATION: **PALM SPRINGS, CA**  
PRICE: **\$13,890,000**  
James Bond (played by Sean Connery) battled two female bodyguards in a scene at this sleek estate with a pool and a 60' circular living room.  
REALTOR: Matt Tapscott, Expoint Realty

MOVIE: **THE BIG LEBOWSKI**  
LOCATION: **LOS ANGELES**  
PRICE: **\$1,799,000**  
Jeff Bridges' character, The Dude, lived in this now renovated compound of six one-bedroom cottages.  
REALTOR: Winston Cenac, Bulldog Realtors



**Carter Oosterhouse,** host of *Carter Can*, talks about what makes the *Father of the Bride* house so special.

"This home screams happiness in so many ways. From the simple white siding to the traditional green shutters and white picket fence, it's exactly what you imagine as the American dream house. I love the columns, the soft arch over the door—which is unusual on a Colonial—and the climbing ivy that frames the windows. Features like the number of windows and the height of the fence are all proportionate. And talk about curb appeal! You have a manicured lawn with green shrubs and a winding, flower-lined path leading up to the front door. It's ridiculously inviting."



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**Population** 253,691

**Median home price** \$78,050

### Real estate report

"The Fort Wayne market has always been pretty steady. You can easily find a comfortable three-bedroom house for \$60,000."

—Jan Sanner of  
#1 Advantage Realtors

**Median household income** \$58,631

### THE BILL PILE:

GALLON OF ORGANIC MILK AT THE GROCERY STORE .....\$5.59

ONE DOZEN EGGS.....\$1.66

PRICIEST ENTRÉE AT A TOP-RATED STEAK HOUSE IN TOWN.....\$57.95

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TICKET TO THE INDY 500 .....from \$40

### HOUSE STATS

5 BR, 4½ BA  
3,800 sq. ft.  
Built in 1920  
Bought in 2010

**\$127,000**  
Property taxes:  
\$1,732/yr



### THE MORTENSEN FAMILY

Christine, 41, a stay-at-home mom; and Michael, 42, director of alumni relations for a university; with Ashlyn, 17; Alli, 13; Anna, 11; David, 9; and Jonathan, 4

Meet two families who live in two very different parts of the country. See how their expenses compare.



**HOUSE STATS**  
4 BR, 3 BA  
3,600 sq. ft.  
Built in 1969  
Bought in 2010  
**\$760,000**  
Property taxes:  
\$11,000/yr

### THE ROWNTREE FAMILY

Nicki, 40, an online teacher; and Todd, 40, COO for a wholesale distribution company; with Jackson, 8; Chase, 6; and Reece, 6

## FORT LAUDERDALE, FL

(26 miles from Miami)

**Population** 165,521

**Median home price** \$153,000

### Real estate report

"The Fort Lauderdale market is one of the better values in the United States. A \$1 million home near the water five years ago would be \$650,000 today."  
—John O'Flaherty of Keller Williams Realty Professionals

**Median household income** \$56,900

### THE BILL PILE:

GALLON OF ORGANIC MILK AT THE GROCERY STORE ..... \$4.09  
ONE DOZEN EGGS ..... \$1.96  
PRICIEST ENTRÉE AT A TOP-RATED STEAK HOUSE IN TOWN ..... \$100  
BABYSITTER ..... \$10–20/hr  
HANDYMAN ..... \$40/hr  
LAWN CARE ..... \$50 per mow  
DRY CLEANING FOR ONE MEN'S SHIRT ..... \$2.49  
STANDARD CABLE PACKAGE (PHONE AND INTERNET INCLUDED) ..... from \$79/mo  
SUBSCRIPTION TO THE LOCAL PAPER ..... \$226/yr for the *Sun-Sentinel*  
GALLON OF UNLEADED GAS...\$3.87  
SPEEDING TICKET FOR GOING 10 MPH OVER THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE HIGHWAY ..... \$205  
PARKING METER...\$0.50–\$1.75/hr  
EXTERIOR CAR WASH ..... \$5  
TICKET TO THE ORANGE BOWL..... from \$75

# ask a real estate pro

**Cora Sue Anthony**, host of *Real Estate Intervention*, gives insider advice on buying and selling.



**Q: What's something people gloss over—then later regret—when they're shopping for a home?** The commute to work. You really have to research driving and public transportation options, then decide on a time limit. There are so many buyers eager to snap up a house farther from “town” to save money. But they don't think about the reality of battling traffic for hours every day.

**Q: Is it better to wait for a certain time of year to put your house on the market, even if you're ready to sell it right now?** Many folks are looking to buy in late spring or early summer, to settle in before the school year

starts. List your home then and you'll have a better chance of getting your asking price or higher. Likewise, buying in the fall after school has begun could mean big savings.

**Q: What's one feature that potential buyers often overlook?** Windows. You'll notice their size and how much light they let in, but you should also find out how old they are, if they're double-paned, and what material the frames are. For example, vinyl provides more insulation than aluminum, which saves on heating costs. Check if there are screens or if you'll have to add them. And don't be afraid to try opening them to see if they're painted shut.

**Q: Is there a best time of day to look at a prospective home?** You want to see it morning, noon, and night. In the a.m., check out the traffic for your commute to work or school, then go back and see how the light has changed as it filters through the house during the sunniest hours, and at night see how the neighborhood is lit.

**Q: If you have a beautiful yard, how do you get that across to potential buyers during the winter?** On your show sheet (the document that lists your property's features), include a straight-on color photo of your home's exterior taken during the spring or summer, when the foliage is at its lushest. List landscaping details, including when plants are in bloom.

“A great agent knows the best stores in town, bus lines, school districts, even some top teachers.”

**Q: Do you need to create a website to sell your home? Any tips?** Yes and yes! If you're using a broker, he should create it; ask before hiring. If you're selling your home yourself, you can build the site (try domain.com or homestead.com). Choose a name that's easy to remember, like your address plus .com, and include an email contact, info about the community, all listing details, and interior and exterior photos. A big trend: Include a video tour of the space. ■



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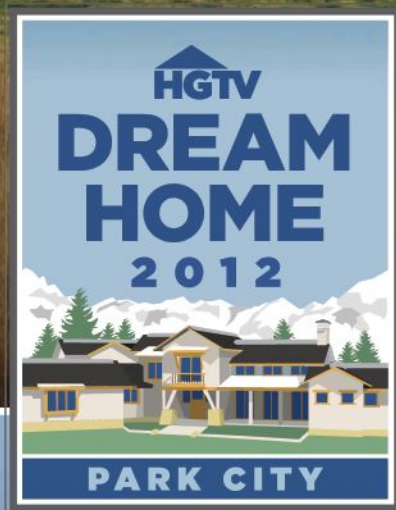
**SPRAY DOWN YOUR YARD** with a hose right before you host an open house. That dewy look is a crowd-pleaser!

**GIVE GLOBE LIGHTS A THOROUGH CLEANING.** Nobody wants to be surprised by dead bugs when flipping a switch.

**GET YOUR WINDOWS PROFESSIONALLY CLEANED.** It helps the house sparkle.

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# we ♥ tudors!

Driving through one of our favorite **Tudor Revival** hoods in Birmingham, AL, we put on the brakes every time we spotted major curb appeal.

## REASONS TO LOVE 'EM

- 1** Tudor Revivals are modern-day reinventions of medieval cottages from the 1500s, so they have that totally enchanting English countryside vibe, even in the burbs.
- 2** No two Tudors look alike, thanks to half-timbering—those strips of wood (usually painted brown) that make one-of-a-kind patterns on the stucco or brick.
- 3** Their peaks (known as gables) make them so pretty! They rise up over dormer windows, doorways, and even the garage.
- 4** With their stone archways and house-hugging bricks, Tudors are warm and welcoming.
- 5** Simple, evergreen landscaping looks lovely. You could do flowers, but you sure don't have to!



### copy the curb appeal!

#### the front entry

An arched front door framed with stonework looks so fairy-tale. This mahogany door is extra adorable thanks to the round window (like an oversize peephole). The large gas lantern is the icing on the cake. Find a great selection of outdoor lighting at [savannahcopperlanterns.com](http://savannahcopperlanterns.com).

#### the wide chimney

Creeping fig growing up the brick and two chimney pots pile on the charm. Check out [chimneypot.com](http://chimneypot.com) for similar clay styles.

#### the pretty patio

Flagstone is as beautiful as it is durable: It can last for centuries!

**Homeowner:** Jeff Smith  
**House built in:** 1927  
**When he bought it:** 2000

“The roofline makes this Tudor unique. My neighbors call it The House of the Nine Gables.” —Jeff Smith



## copy the curb appeal!

### the gorgeous gable

A Tudor can be accessorized just like a favorite outfit. Take this dramatic front gable: The flowery X pattern is like jewelry for the house. Those cutouts would be perfect for a porch railing, too. **Stucco:** Eaglet Beige **Trim:** Black Bean (both by Sherwin-Williams).

### the windows

These are casements instead of double-hung windows, so they are hinged at one side and open with a crank. Try [andersenwindows.com](http://andersenwindows.com).

### the driveway

A circle drive made of concrete or pea gravel charms up any entrance.

**Homeowners:** Janice and Chris Peterson

**House built in:** early 1950s

**When they bought it:** 1999

“We love the peaks and valleys in the roof, and no one else has X details!”

—Janice Peterson



### look! this tudor used to be a rancher!

Before the 1998 reno, this was a one-story house. The owners coated the original bricks with a mortar wash and added a second floor.



**Homeowners:** Melinda and Jeff Underwood

**House built in:** early 1950s

**When they bought it:** 1998

“There’s such a sense of history, tradition, and stability with Tudor architecture.”

—Melinda Underwood



### copy the curb appeal!

#### the color scheme

Soft paint shades make this Tudor stand out in the crowd. **Stucco:** Sag Harbor Gray **Trim:** Gloucester Sage (both by Benjamin Moore). A mortar wash gave the original bricks (see inset, above) a pretty, aged patina, and the coordinating roof tiles tie the whole look together.

#### the front door

A dark, rich stain not only enhances the look of a door but also helps protect the wood. Try olympic.com.

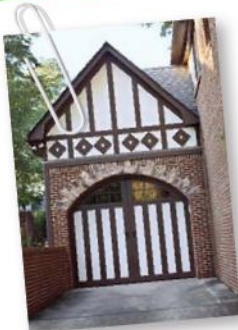
#### the landscaping

A Snowdrift vine grows above the front door, azalea shrubs line the house, and the lawn is zoysia grass.



**Homeowners:** Pamela and Anthony DiPiazza  
**House built in:** early 1940s  
**When they bought it:** 2001

“We’re just the custodians of this house—meant to preserve it, then pass it on.”  
—Pamela DiPiazza



### the garage

“I wanted the garage to look like an old carriage house,” says Pamela. “Almost like a horse and buggy might be pulling out.” She had the solid cedar door custom-made to match the house through [overheaddoor.com](http://overheaddoor.com). The diamond details mimic the shapes on the front of the home.

## copy the curb appeal!

### the paint colors

It’s the most classic combo!  
**Stucco:** Antique White  
**Trim:** Tudor Brown (both by Benjamin Moore).

### the stonework

Stone facing made of slate or limestone looks like picture frames when it surrounds windows.

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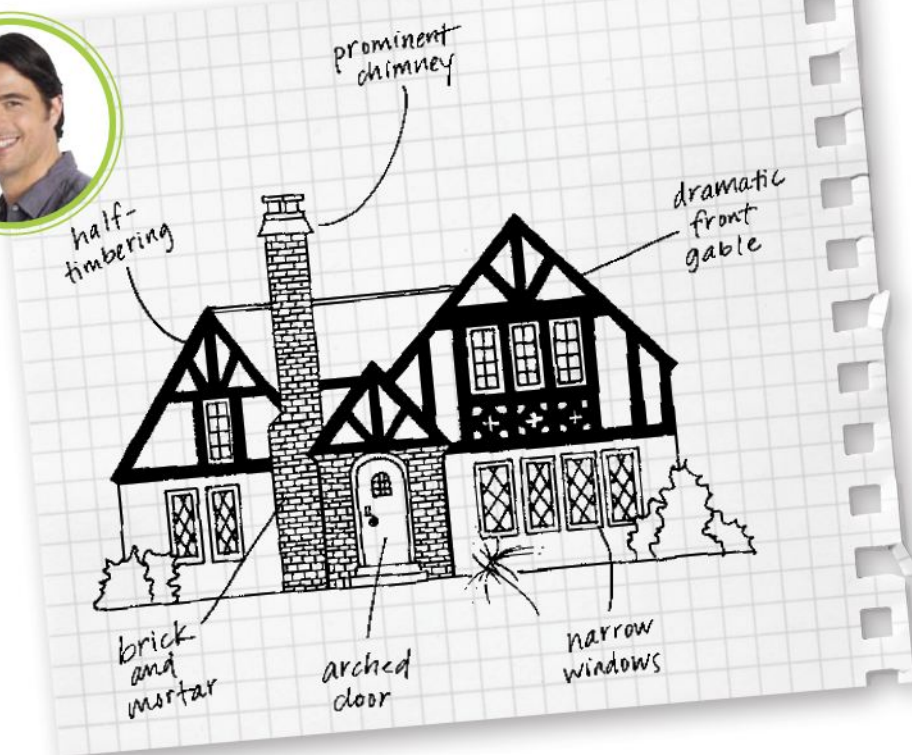


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# how to spot a Tudor Revival

Curb Appeal's John Gidding gives a lesson on Tudor trademarks.

- **Half-timbering** "The number-one Tudor giveaway!"
- **A steep roofline** with a dramatic front gable.
- **An eye-catching chimney** prominently attached to the front or side of the house.
- **Small, narrow windows**, "usually divided into many panes or with diamond-shaped patterns."
- **Substantial wood doors**, "commonly with an arched top and multiple small windows, also known as lights."
- **Brown, white, cream, or green** paint colors mixed with reddish-brown brick or stone.
- **Black iron metalwork** for railings and/or door hinges.



## market watch

Charming Tudor Revivals across the country.



**\$194,900**

**CINCINNATI** 4 BR, 2½ BA, 2,316 sq. ft.  
Insulated windows and a fenced-in yard  
AGENT: JOHN DURSO, COMEY & SHEPHERD



**\$450,000**

**OAKLAND, CA** 3 BR, 2½ BA, 1,790 sq. ft.  
New cabinets and stone counters AGENT: PATTIE HOLM, EAST BAY SOTHEBY'S INTERNATIONAL REALTY



**\$270,000**

**KANSAS CITY, MO** 3 BR, 2½ BA, 1,924 sq. ft.  
Updated bathrooms and new appliances AGENT: FORD KISTLER, PRUDENTIAL KANSAS CITY REALTY



**\$800,000**

**ASHEVILLE, NC** 5 BR, 3½ BA, 4,124 sq. ft.  
Rich wood moldings and original tile work  
AGENT: MCRAE HILLIARD, BEVERLY-HANKS



**\$259,950**

**KANSAS CITY, MO** 4 BR, 2½ BA, 2,250 sq. ft.  
Master suite with a sitting area and fireplace  
AGENT: GEORGE MEDINA, REECE & NICHOLS



**\$172,900**

**MILWAUKEE** 3 BR, 1½ BA, 1,406 sq. ft.  
Large new kitchen with a breakfast nook AGENT: PETER SYLVESTER, REALTY EXECUTIVES INTEGRITY

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How a once creepy lower level became the most popular spot in the house.

## MEET THE OWNERS:

Laurie Roche, 50, a stay-at-home mom; and Jay Roche, 52, who is semiretired from his family's supermarket business; 12-year-old twins Vienna and Will; and Harry, a 7-year-old cockapoo

**HOMETOWN:** Needham, MA

**THE CHALLENGE:** Turn a cold, empty space into a bright, upbeat room where the whole family would want to hang out.

**RENO TIMELINE:** Seven months. "It took longer than we expected, but we weren't under any time pressure," says Laurie. "When I saw it done, I was like, 'Yes! This is exactly what I wanted!'"

**TEAM MAKEOVER:** The Roches and Newton, MA-based decorator Liz Caan

**W**hen the Roches built their home in 2001, they, like a lot of families, put their basement on the back burner. But as the twins got older, the family decided it was time to devote some serious attention to the neglected space. With the help of Liz Caan, the designer they hired for the renovation, the room got a total turnaround. Here's what they had to say about the project.

**Liz (the designer):** Laurie wanted to keep the carpet that was there, so I went with it, adding blue paint and blue and white wallpaper. But I couldn't stop at two colors—boring! In came lime and tangerine. It could have looked like a crayon box, but in small doses, it works.

**Laurie (the mom):** I love all the colors. They're happy and inviting but also soothing.

**Jay (the dad):** I had my doubts. Beige, brown, and gray are usually more my speed.

**Liz:** Next we got a sectional in navy cotton twill that is really long-lasting. I try to be practical, but not to the point where the room looks run-of-the-mill.



To switch from Ping-Pong to pool, a different surface is placed on top of the table.

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**Harry, the cockapoo, feels right at home on a micro-suede chair.**

I struggled with was the empty wall behind the couch. Then I found a bunch of guitars in another room, and I was like, "Um, why aren't these hanging up somewhere?"

**Jay:** Now every night I head downstairs and pick a different guitar from the wall to play.

**Will (the son):** As soon as the basement was done, we all started using it. Before, I never brought friends down here, but now it's the first place we go.

**Vienna (the daughter):** My friends say it's the best place to have dance parties. We can play Justin Bieber and Lady Gaga really loud, and Mom usually doesn't yell.

**Laurie:** What I like most is that it feels warm and welcoming, and that's totally us.

**Jay:** I feel like our home is complete now.

**Liz:** We've all seen those basements where someone slapped plywood on the walls, threw some grandma furniture down there, and called it a day. But I tell people not to treat the basement like a second-class citizen. If you put thought into how you want it to look and give it a real purpose, your basement can be the most loved room in the house. ■

**Laurie:** This had to be a user-friendly room—even the dog is allowed up on the furniture.

**Harry (the dog):** You know it! I'll stretch out on the sofa, the chair. I'm not picky.

**Laurie:** And I don't think we had the lime green chairs for a

week before our son, Will, got ink on one of them. But they're micro-suede, so it came off like a dream with a little lighter fluid. I learned that trick from the guy at the hardware store.

**Liz:** Jay wanted a pool table, and there are some really

great-looking ones that aren't stodgy—no carvings or tassels—and don't look like they belong in a frat house. We picked a walnut-stained base with navy felt. It can be turned into a Ping-Pong table by putting a different top on it. The last thing

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# change it

What to do about that banged-up armoire that's not

**option 1:** turn it  
into an open cabinet



**U**nless your armoire is crafted from high-quality wood, it's not worth trying to bring it back to its glory days. Materials like cheap pine, particleboard, and laminate won't take well to a new stain, but a fresh coat of paint can work miracles. To save an armoire from the curb, go the DIY route and reinvent it as a cheerful open cabinet for a kid's playroom, a home office, or a mudroom. Figure about \$200 for supplies. If you're not the crafty type, donate your old armoire to charity and start anew with one of the hardworking, great-looking pieces we found.

## ready to DIY?

- 1 Remove the doors and hinges, then sand and prime the whole piece.
- 2 Apply two coats of paint (we used Ponderosa Pine by Benjamin Moore in satin finish). Let it dry overnight.
- 3 Use spray mount or decoupage glue to cover the back with wallpaper (we used Blazing Poppies Wallpaper, \$148 per roll, anthropologie.com).
- 4 Ask your local hardware store to cut a piece of plywood to size for a shelf, then paint it.
- 5 Drill a pair of holes at equal heights on each side of the interior, then screw in metal shelf pegs and slide the shelf in.



# or chuck it?

living up to its storage potential? Take your pick: Rehab it or replace it.

## option 2: ditch it and shop for a new one



Highlights include versatile storage, a mirror-clad door, and a clothing rod.

48" x 69" x 24" beadboard chiffonier, \$1,099, pbteen.com



Can't beat the price! Inside boasts one fixed and two adjustable shelves.

32" x 53½" x 15¾" storage cabinet in barn red, \$350, jcpenny.com



Long-lasting value: solid teak, rattan, three shelves, and a cord cutout.

Blake grey wash 37¼" x 64" x 14¾" two-door cabinet, \$1,199, crateandbarrel.com



Comes in 24 colors, from classic black to tangerine, and sports a clothing rod.

All Seasons 40¼" x 62" x 20¼" door chest in surf blue, \$1,479, youngamerica.com for stores



**Vern Yip,**  
*HGTV Design Star* judge, delivers savvy shopping tips for anyone looking to buy an armoire.

- Measure all of your doors and hallways to make sure the piece will fit when it's delivered. You would be surprised by how many people buy furniture, then can't get it into the room.
- If you're going to use the armoire to hang clothes, bring a hanger with you when you shop. Make sure it fits with the doors closed.
- Many armoires aren't finished on the back, which is fine if you're placing it against a wall. But if you're planning on floating your armoire in a room, look for one that is stained or painted on every side.
- Shop for the tallest armoire that will fit in your room. If it's too short, the empty space above it will become a tempting excuse for clutter and most definitely a dust collector.
- Clear glass doors look pretty in the store, but you'll most likely be using the armoire for storage and won't want to display what's inside. Solid doors are more practical.

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no matter where  
I go it’s good to  
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# "I married my contractor..."

When Susan Laney bought her Savannah fixer-upper, she knew it was a great match. She didn't realize then that it was also a great matchmaker!

before

## front porch

Homeowners  
Susan Laney and  
Frank Ellsworth with  
their 1-year-old  
daughter, Stella

Front door color:  
Try Pepper Grass  
by Behr to get  
the look.

## "...and we remodeled our house together"

**The house in Savannah** had atrocious windows covered with plywood and metal bars, a nonworking bathroom, and knob and tube wiring that was decades out of date. "It was in scary condition," says artist and gallery owner Susan Laney. But she bought the house because its style reminded her of her childhood home in Jacksonville, FL. "I remember seeing it for the first time and feeling like I was back where I grew up," says Susan. Her artist's vision didn't exactly dissuade her either. "I was 26 and so naive. I thought I could renovate on nights and weekends, and have the whole thing wrapped up in about six months," she says.

Despite its many (many) faults—she later found out that the roof leaked and the timbers had been chomped by termites—the 1918 house ended up being the ultimate husband finder: Without the holes in the kitchen floor, Susan might never have met carpenter and contractor Frank Ellsworth. "I started out doing a lot of the work myself," Susan, now 38, recalls. "I did some demo, scraped paint, and even attempted to sand floors." But within a year, she began hiring various workers, including Frank and his then business partner, whose first task was redoing the kitchen floor. Ironically, she chose the pair because she thought Frank's partner was cute. "But he ended up annoying me so much that I fired him and kept Frank around," Susan says. Then, when Frank made a big mistake with the subfloor, he took just a day to fix it and paid for new wood out of his own pocket. "He was such a breath of fresh air," Susan says. "So honest and respectful."

Frank's first impression of Susan, meanwhile, was "my God, what a hard-nosed woman," he says, recalling one time she refused to pay an invoice because he didn't use a nail set tool. (It's complicated. Just google it.) "But she's also beautiful and intelligent." Soon after she hired him, Frank

accompanied Susan to an architectural salvage store. "We got lunch, and I was struck by how easy it was to be with him," Susan says. A few weeks later he asked her out on an official date—as opposed to a work errand.

What followed was a period of "contractor or boyfriend?" fuzziness. Like the time they went on a fun shopping trip to a home center, "and then he billed me for it!" Susan says. In his defense, Frank claims he was trying to respect their business arrangement. They continued working together on projects both large (such as exterior restoration) and small (like picture molding in the dining room). "All along, Susan has been the eyes, and I've been the hands," says Frank, now 41. By 2001, a year after he showed up with his tool belt, the two were in love, and Frank had moved closer to Susan—into the home's carriage house. He was no longer her contractor-for-hire...he was a boyfriend with a honey-do list!

In December 2004 Frank proposed at the Museum of Modern Art during a trip to New York City. They married in Savannah in April 2006, and four years later, along came baby Stella. Kids, of course, come with their own demanding schedules, which means less time for tinkering in the house. "Stella has given us the opportunity to enjoy just being here," Susan says. "I think we're done with the home improvements for now—unless you count baby-proofing."

**Pre-Frank, Susan tackled every project herself in her free time, like scraping off layers of wallpaper.**



*before*



## living room

During the reno, Frank surprised Susan by stripping the mantel while she was out of town. "She loved the unfinished look, so we left it that way," he says.

“  
Her friends used to joke  
that she was dating me  
for free labor. —Frank Ellsworth  
”

Fireplace tile:  
Swiss Cross in  
bright white gloss  
by Ann Sacks



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**NURSERY:** Susan hung IKEA curtains wall-to-wall in Stella's sunny room. The flag banner is by Lovelane Designs. **BATHROOM:** The shower curtain is a piece of Marimekko fabric that Susan and Frank used as a photo backdrop at their wedding. **HOME OFFICE:** Susan created a wrapping station beneath the large map.



## A HOUSE/LOVE STORY



**1918** The house is built in Baldwin Park, now a Savannah historic district.

**1999** Susan Laney buys the run-down home and begins restoring it.

**2000** Susan hires Frank Ellsworth, a marine turned contractor, to take on projects. Sparks fly.

**2004** Frank pops the question.

**2006** Wedding bells ring: Susan and Frank marry in Savannah.

**2010** Welcome, baby Stella! Nurses say Susan and Frank are the best team they've ever seen. (Thanks goes to the renovation!)

## kitchen

Frank constructed a shallow ledge for potted plants, artwork, and easy-to-reach utensils. Storage is relegated to lower cabinets.

Orange wall telephone: Try [oldphones.com](http://oldphones.com) to get the look.

“Renovating together is really good training for marriage.”  
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## kitchen cousins tell all

Burning questions for  
the HGTV renovation  
duo **John Colaneri**  
and **Anthony Carrino**.

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Real-life relatives John, left, and Anthony  
in a Hoboken, NJ, remodel they did for  
*Kitchen Cousins*, their HGTV show.

kitchen chronicles

If you had \$1,000 to make a major change in the kitchen, what would you spend it on?

**JOHN:** New pendant lights or a chandelier above the island.  
**ANTHONY:** And a backsplash. I'm loving glass right now, in traditional mosaic patterns or cut glass with an uneven, unfinished surface.

What's your countertop credo?

**JOHN:** If you love to cook, go with engineered stone, like Caesarstone or Zodiaq. It has a really great look to it, it's 100% nonporous, and it's ecofriendly. You'll never have to worry about bacteria growing underneath.  
**ANTHONY:** Stainless steel is fantastic too. It's low-maintenance. Any scratches just give it character.

Favorite fridge style?

**ANTHONY:** It can be pretty tough to convince our clients, but I really like a taller, slimmer, single-door fridge (about 30") with a bottom freezer more than the standard 36" model. I always feel like this slimmer model blends in better with the rest of the kitchen.



Men at work! The cousins take apart a kitchen counter and plumbing.

“We have such similar styles that we can almost finish each other's designs. It makes us laugh.”  
—Anthony Carrino

Best budget design idea?

**JOHN:** Put new doors on your existing cabinets. Try a new color or style. You'll get an updated look for at least 50% less than it would cost to replace the cabinets entirely.

Would you ever buy a floor model appliance?  
**JOHN & ANTHONY:** Yes, but only if it came with the full warranty.

Biggest kitchen pet peeve?

**JOHN:** A closed-in room. Walls that aren't structural should be removed. Oh, and all-white cabinets. Too safe!

What's one kitchen trend that's on its way out?

**ANTHONY:** Black granite countertops. When I see them in a kitchen, I think, *Cookie cutter, one size fits all.*

How about a trick for hiding clutter?

**ANTHONY:** The magic corner. It's a pullout shelving system for cabinets that keeps them from becoming a big hole where you can never reach anything.

What's your favorite thing about your own kitchen?

**JOHN:** I used two finishes for my cabinets. The bottom ones are white lacquer, and the upper cabinets are Brazilian wood.

One thing you'd like to change?

**JOHN:** My backsplash is gray glass tile. If I were going to put in a new one, I'd definitely go with a bolder color, like a burnt orange, to really make it pop.

Got a specialty dish?

**JOHN:** I make an amazing omelette with mushrooms, ham, whatever's in the house.  
**ANTHONY:** Lemon rosemary chicken cutlets with a balsamic string bean salad. I love cooking. I just wish I had more time to do it. ■

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	JOHN	ANTHONY
BIRTHDAY	March 6, 1981 (He's a Pisces.)	October 26, 1978 (He's a Scorpio.)
BIRTHPLACE	Teaneck, NJ	Hackensack, NJ
RELATIONSHIP STATUS	They're both unattached: "We're as single as they come!"	
NEIGHBORHOOD HANGOUTS	Turtle Club in Hoboken, NJ, and Light Horse Tavern in Jersey City, NJ	Marco & Pepe in Jersey City, NJ, for brunch with the family
MOST-USED IPHONE APP	Units, a free measurement converter	Evernote, for storing design ideas
FAVORITE JEANS	7 for All Mankind	Paper Denim & Cloth
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### a superstar salad spinner

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### a versatile grater

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Artisan Series 4-piece grater set, \$36, [us.microplane.com](http://us.microplane.com)



### a 9" cast-iron skillet

"Just right for cooking fish or baking corn bread. And it's not huge, so you can actually lift it when it's full."

Lodge Logic 9" skillet, \$21, [lodgemfg.com](http://lodgemfg.com)

### white vinegar

"It's the perfect no-chemical cleaner. I use it every night to wipe down my wooden kitchen table."

Heinz white vinegar, \$1.50, grocery stores



### an 8-quart stockpot

"You can prepare at least 12 servings in it—great for entertaining a crowd."

Le Creuset caribbean enameled-steel stockpot, \$55, [surlatable.com](http://surlatable.com)



### an easy-clean immersion blender

"Don't drag out a big blender for little jobs. I use this for pureeing soup and making vinaigrettes."

KitchenAid 5-speed hand blender, \$100, [chefscatalog.com](http://chefscatalog.com)



### snacks for pop-in guests

"If I don't have time to bake, these are my go-to cookies. Sub them for vanilla wafers in banana pudding. Yum!"

Walkers shortbread cookies, \$4.50, [walkersus.com](http://walkersus.com)



## THE PARTY PLANNER

**Mary Giuliani**, a New York City caterer, has an impressive roster of celeb clients, such as Gwen Stefani and Natalie Portman. In her own home, it's all about easy entertaining.

### a big stack of dish towels

"So cheap, it won't blow your budget to replace them."

Harvest Stripe woven kitchen towel, \$3.50, [retroplanet.com](http://retroplanet.com)



### paper cocktail napkins

"Personalize them with a monogram, like stationery."

Beverage napkins, \$30 for 100, [thestationerystudio.com](http://thestationerystudio.com)



### double-duty glassware

"I use these for cocktails. They make great vases, too!"

Ball 16-oz. wide mouth mason jars, \$12 for set of 12, [acehardware.com](http://acehardware.com)



### a magical sponge

"It works so well, you practically don't need a dishwasher."

Disco sponge, \$2.50 each, [bluecashewkitchen.com](http://bluecashewkitchen.com)



### delish dish soap

"The best-smelling stuff ever!"

Cucina dish detergent in Zucchini Flower and Truffle, \$10, [fruits-passion.com](http://fruits-passion.com)



### a secret dish that people will think is homemade

"I've been known to serve Stouffer's mac and cheese. I put it out with toppings like truffle oil and bacon."

Stouffer's macaroni & cheese, \$5.50 for family size, grocery stores



### a classic round cake stand

"It's too pretty to stash in a cabinet. I keep this out with votive candles or bud vases on it."

Jadeite 10" cake stand, \$65, [fishseddy.com](http://fishseddy.com)

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**Rebekah Zaveloff**, cofounder of Chicago's KitchenLab, has been designing chefworthy kitchens for everyday cooks for 10 years.



**a beautiful gooseneck faucet**

"My advice: Splurge on the faucet, save on the sink."

HiRise bridge kitchen faucet, \$1,172, kohler.com



**wooden serving bowls**

"I like maple or acacia because they hold their oiliness."

Acacia 11 3/4" x 4" salad bowl, \$40, surlatable.com

**classic cabinet pulls**

"Exposed screws on hardware look humble, not fancy."

Aubrey 3 1/2" pull in polished nickel, \$10, restorationhardware.com



**barstools that don't break the bank**

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Tibetan tall barstool, \$119, potterybarn.com



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# last-minute **chip + dip** party

Got a sudden urge to have people over? Do it! We asked our friends at *Food Network Magazine* to share three top-rated recipes. Easy speedy!

## whip up your dips

### 1 PIMIENTO CHEESE

Mix  $\frac{1}{2}$  pound each grated orange cheddar and pepper jack cheese,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup each mayonnaise and sour cream, and 2 tablespoons diced pimientos. Season with hot sauce, onion powder, and garlic powder. Serve with potato chips.

*dip tip:* Spread leftovers on sliced white bread for sandwiches.

### 2 AVOCADO HUMMUS

Puree 2 avocados in a food processor with  $\frac{1}{2}$  jalapeño pepper. Stir in a 7-ounce tub of hummus, a pinch of salt, and a squeeze of lemon juice. Garnish with chopped cilantro. Serve with pita chips.

*dip tip:* Press plastic wrap on the surface of the dip to keep it from turning brown before serving.

### 3 PIZZA IN A POT


Warm 2 cups tomato sauce in a saucepan. Top with 1 cup ricotta; heat until warmed through. Put mixture in a small ovenproof dish. Sprinkle with diced mozzarella and sliced pepperoni, then bake at 350° F until bubbling, about 10 minutes. Top with torn fresh basil and a drizzle of olive oil. Serve with crostini.

*dip tip:* Instead of pepperoni, try sauteed mushrooms or crumbled cooked sausage.



THREE DIPS ARE JUST RIGHT FOR 8 TO 10 GUESTS.





**Dina Manzo**, host of *Dina's Party*, shares fast ways to prep for guests.

\* Got a hodgepodge of plates and bowls? No problem. Set up small stations on end tables, your coffee table, the kitchen island—and use one set at each.

\* For a quick, pulled-together look, add height to your serving tables. Drape tablecloths or fabric over upside-down bowls, and set your platters on top.

\* Move your furniture around to make it feel more party-friendly. Scoot chairs closer to the sofa to make conversation areas, break up your sectional, and bring dining chairs into the living room.

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*pizza disguised as dip*

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*hummus with a twist*

# style your **chips+dips**



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## PICK UP A FEW BREWS

Try these party favorites from beer consultant Roger Mittag and chef Ted Reader, whose upcoming book is titled *Beerlicious: The Art of Grillin' and Chillin'* (spring 2012).

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cabinets are perfect  
for glassware.

# 10 big hits from a dreamy kitchen

You don't have to be a gourmet chef to see that **HGTV's 2012 Dream Home** near Park City, UT, is the total package. P.S.: Someone's gonna win it!

## THIS ROOM'S A PRIZE! HERE'S WHY:

### ① Cabinets to the top

"When it comes to storage, use every single inch of wall space," says HGTV Dream Home designer Linda Woodrum. "Cabinets that go up to the ceiling create a very tidy look. Use the high-up ones to store things you rarely use." Next to the refrigerator and freezer, Linda created skinny pullout pantries that are great for corralling spices and snacks.

### ② Triple the lights

Since the room was already so bright, with windows practically everywhere you look, Linda went with refined pendant fixtures with paper drum shades that give off soft, ambient light. She hung three over the island because "an odd number is always more pleasing." Although standard height is 42" from the counter, she eyeballed it and hung them higher so they wouldn't block any views. "Ask your electrician to hold the light at different heights to see what works best in your room."

**③ Do we see two refrigerators?** Nope. One's a freezer! Linda installed separate refrigerator and freezer units to get nearly twice the storage space of a traditional combined appliance. This

way you can really stock up on frozen and prepared foods. "This house could very well be a vacation home for the winner," says Linda. "And who wants to be running to the grocery store when you're trying to relax?"

### ④ Easy open shelving

A lot of kitchens have open shelves above the counter, but Linda broke the mold with the same idea below the cooktop. Keeping pots and pans in full view is not only practical, but it also makes a display out of everyday stuff. She used a 2"-thick piece of manufactured stone—the same material as the counters—for the shelves because it's a champ against wear and tear. "You can slide pans in and out without a scratch," Linda says.

### ⑤ An ambitious island

Linda made sure this large square island would be a total workhorse. It boasts a sliding garbage/recycling cabinet and a built-in dishwasher. Even the ends have smart 8"-deep cupboards that are perfect for glassware and canned goods. "Shallow storage is the key to staying organized," says Linda. "It helps you keep track of what you have so you don't duplicate items at the market."

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**6 The best little detail: a pot filler**

"When you're cooking mass amounts of pasta, you'll be so happy to skip that painful trip from sink to stove," says Linda of the stainless steel faucet she anchored above the cooktop.

**7 Sturdy, stylin' countertops**

Engineered quartz is bacteria-resistant, and it's harder than granite, so you can cut right on it, says Linda. "It's a great heavy surface, but the consistent color makes it feel light and clean."

**8 Big sky backsplash** "I knew from the beginning that I wanted to do a blue backsplash," says Linda. "Blue and white just always works. Look up at the sky for proof!" The 2"-square glass tiles are laid with white grout, which makes the color look even brighter. Behind the stove, Linda made a frame for the backsplash with 4" slate gray glass tiles.

**9 Sleeker than sleek hardware**

"Hardware can totally change the look of a kitchen," says Linda. Ceramic knobs, for example, would be too traditional, and half-moon bin pulls have that country feel. So she chose long brushed nickel pulls to give the flat-panel cabinets a modern look. "I hung them horizontally just to mix things up."

**10 A casual and formal mash-up**

"Nobody wants a closed-off kitchen where you just announce, 'Dinner is served,'" says Linda. "Cooking is a social activity." She wanted the dining space, located right off the kitchen, to be elegant enough for grown-up dinners but laid-back enough for family breakfasts. Cushy upholstered ikat chairs and wooden end chairs pull up to a long harvest table. ■

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# weekending

Amie, left, and Jolie have been flea-marketing since they were kids.



## honk if you love junk

Hop on board the pink Suburban (a.k.a. Large Marge the Party Barge) with sisters **Amie Sikes** and **Jolie Sikes-Smith**, hosts of HGTV's *Junk Gypsies*, as they dust off dressers and reimagine relics at the flea market.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY **ROB HOWARD** WRITTEN BY **MARIA RICAPITO**





The sisters bedazzle everything from Buddhas to lamps with their collections of costume jewelry.

“It’s a great way to look at those gorgeous old stones every day,” says Amie.



Clockwise from top left: a bedecked Laughing Buddha; vintage cowboy boots; the sisters outside their Junk Gypsy stall in Warrenton, TX

## HOW TO SPOT A KEEPER

Amie and Jolie are masters at bringing furniture back to life. But if you weren't born with that Gypsy gene, how do you suss out what's worth saving? "Look for pieces with an interesting architectural detail, something funky and unpredictable, like a beautiful carving or curved legs," says Jolie. Solid wood is always a smart choice. (Particleboard isn't worth the effort.) Leave it behind if it needs major work. "Generally, if it's not a repair you can easily do yourself, it's not worth buying."



## GET THE STINK OUT OF OLD STUFF

"Good ol' sunshine is the best fix for removing funky smells from furniture, suitcases, and trunks," Amie says. If that hasn't done the job after a few days, fill a spray bottle with warm water and a few drops of either bleach (test it on an unobtrusive spot to make sure it won't ruin the finish) or lemon juice; spray and wipe. The only smell that's almost impossible to get out, say the Gypsies, is a strong smoke odor.

## BEST FLEA MARKETS IN AMERICA

**ALAMEDA POINT ANTIQUES FAIRE** Alameda, CA, [alamedapointantiquesfaire.com](http://alamedapointantiquesfaire.com)  
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**SCOTT ANTIQUE MARKETS** Atlanta & Columbus, OH, [scottantiquemarket.com](http://scottantiquemarket.com)  
**WARRENTON ANTIQUE SHOW** Warrenton, TX, [warrentonantique.com](http://warrentonantique.com)

## DEALING WITH DEALERS

How to get what you want and not get taken.

● **GOT CASH?** You may get a slight discount if you use it. But remember to hit the ATM before you go to the flea market—cash machines can be scarce and charge high fees. Carry a credit card, too (many vendors accept them) and your checkbook. You'd be surprised how many dealers will take out-of-state checks.

● **NO OVER-HAGGLING.** "Just ask, 'Is that your best price?'" says Amie. Continually offering less is disrespectful.  
 ● **BUY IT WHEN YOU SEE IT.** A dealer may be willing to hold something for a short time, so it doesn't hurt to ask. But if you really love a piece, grab it. Jolie lost out on a set of cowhide-covered barstools that she thought about for a little too long.

● **DON'T BE LIMITED BY WHAT WILL FIT IN YOUR CARRY-ON.** At the Warrenton show in Texas, where the Junk Gypsies have a popular stall, shipping companies will pick up your purchases for you, pack them, and deliver them right to your doorstep. "They are very reliable," says Amie. But don't commit until you ask the price, which can be pretty steep.

JUNK  
GYPSY  
SECRET!

Amie and Jolie have a love affair with shadow boxes. The sisters like using them for hard-to-frame finds such as old license plates and toddler shoes. "Combine a few items from a special event and you've created a memory in a box," says Jolie.

# the hottest junk buys

On the flea market circuit, these popular finds get more valuable every day. If you see them, scoop them up.



## OLD SIGNS & LETTERS

From motels, bars, stores. The Gypsies once turned a hotel sign into a headboard.

## GUITARS & OTHER INSTRUMENTS

Great wall decor! For their HGTV show, the sisters turned a French horn into a lamp.



## MAPS & GLOBES

"They bring adventure and escape into your house," says Amie. Prop globes atop books. Use maps for decoupage.

## ALBUM COVERS

So easy to pop in a frame. "They're like little pieces of art," says Amie.



## VINTAGE BOOKS

Look for colorful bindings and old-fashioned lettering. "Make a teetering stack for that 'messy professor' look," says Jolie.

HOT

## FRINGE ANYTHING!

On jackets, shawls, motorcycle bags, rolls of fabric.



## RELIGIOUS TRINKETS

"We love the elaborate colors. And a little bit of sacredness is good for the soul," says Jolie.

## COWBOY BOOTS

"Most vintage boots are tiny. If they don't fit, put them on a shelf," says Jolie.



## OLYMPIC GAMES



## POSTERS

The Gypsies have scored all kinds—including one from a Jimi Hendrix concert and an ad for a '60s shooting competition.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: JULES FRAZIER/GETTY IMAGES; NINETTE MAUVIS/ALAMY; JULES FRAZIER/GETTY IMAGES; JOHN HENSHALL/ALAMY; C SQUARED STUDIOS/GETTY IMAGES; SHUTTERSTOCK; VINCENT O'BYRNE/ALAMY; JEFF MORGAN/ALAMY; ISTOCKPHOTO; IMAGE SOURCE/GETTY IMAGES; ISTOCKPHOTO



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# when was the last time you cleaned... ...your hairbrush?

**how often:** The best in the beauty biz recommend that you wash your brushes about every two months.

**hop to it:** First pull out stray hairs with a comb, your fingers, or a nifty gadget (like the one at left) that's specifically made for the job. If the brush has padding, boar bristles, or a wooden handle, keep it from getting waterlogged by swishing it back and forth in a sink full of soapy water. Then rinse it and tap off the excess water. Otherwise, you can soak it for 15 minutes in a sink filled with warm water and a squirt of mild soap or shampoo, then rinse. Lay the brush (bristle-side down if it's flat) on a towel to dry. If you're in a rush, you can use a blow-dryer to speed up the process.



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**when was the last time you cleaned...**



## ...the inside of your coffee machine?

**how often:**

Try to clean your machine after every dozen brews. Old coffee grounds and hard-water deposits can make coffee taste bitter.

**hop to it:** Insert a paper filter and fill the reservoir with two parts white vinegar and one part water, says Matt Milletto, vice president of The American Barista & Coffee School in Portland, OR. Run the machine through a full cycle, then repeat the process twice with cold water and paper filters.

## ...your bed pillow?

**how often:** Every six months, your down or polyester pillows should go for a spin in your washing machine.

**hop to it:** Wash them two at a time, with detergent, on the gentle cycle. An extra spin cycle will remove excess water and keep bacteria and mold at bay, says Lisa Shives, M.D., a sleep expert in Chicago. Tumble dry low, fluffing pillows every so often. Spot-clean foam pillows with warm water and soap, then lay flat to dry.

**if you don't wash your pillow...**

...replace it about every two years. Use a pillow protector and you can get away with every four years.



## ...your tv screens?

**how often:** Depending on the climate you live in and how many kid-size fingerprints regularly appear around your house, your screens could use an honest-to-goodness wipe-down every two to four weeks.

**hop to it:** If your screen is plasma, dust it gently with a soft, dry microfiber cloth.

Skip paper towels—they're made from wood and can scratch the surface. For LCD screens (which have glass fronts), use a soft cloth and a little water. Wipe the screen back and forth, then up and down to avoid streaks. For old-fashioned glass models, you can do the same with glass cleaner. For metal or chrome trim, use a cloth dabbed in a bit of rubbing alcohol.



## ...the produce bins in your fridge?

**how often:** Scrub your bins every few months to keep produce flavors fresh. You don't want your organic carrots smelling like green onions, do you?

**hop to it:** Empty the drawers, then slide them out of the fridge. Dip a cloth in a mixture of 4 tablespoons baking soda and 1 quart warm water; wipe down the inside and outside of each bin. Avoid household cleaners, which can make food taste like chemicals. Rinse the bins over a sink with warm water, then dry them and slide them back in place. To slow down spoilage, store produce, unwashed, in perforated reusable baggies. Try Flip & Tumble's machine-washable bags, \$11 for 5, [flipandtumble.com](http://flipandtumble.com).

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### You can skip the checkout line.

Buy your products at [containerstore.com](http://containerstore.com) (most items are online, too), then select a store pickup time. Call five minutes before you arrive, pull up to the curb, and a staffer will be waiting with your bags.

### Creating a gift registry is easy.

The Container Store's new program lets you build a list in the store or online—and you'll get 10% off any items not bought by guests.

### They sell moving materials!

Yep—you can find boxes, labels, packing tissue, and more.

**Shop Mondays.** That's the day most of their annual sales begin, so you'll get first dibs on discounted items.

### Big sales to watch for:

- Annual Elfa Shelving and Drawer Sale: custom closet and storage systems up to 30% off (now through Feb. 13, 2012)
- Work Smart Office Sale: file storage, desk sets, and tax time essentials marked down (Feb. 14, 2012, to Mar. 25, 2012)

# shop like a stylist

Market editor Kate Doherty hunted through the organizing emporium and discovered more than just great storage.



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## weekending

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## THREE CUTE TRASH CANS

**Yep, even your garbage bin can have style.** The brown laminate one is ideal for an office, the green option can squeeze into tight corners, and that wire one? Looks like a French flea market find.



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#### IN EVERY ISSUE

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Yellow, Hornet Green, Bell Amy Blue, all Novogratz for Stark Paint, eaglepaintandwallpaper.com. **Kids' Room:** **LIGHTS** Classic Cord Pendant (available in 44 colors), \$39; nudstone.com/us. **Entryway:** **PAINT** (table) Green Hornet by Novogratz for Stark Paint, eaglepaintandwallpaper.com. **WALLPAPER** Almendro #1966\_1 by Tres Tintas, Matter, New York, 212-343-2600. **LIGHT** Tom Dixon, tomixon.net.

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#### REAL ESTATE SPY

**Pages 89–94 We Heart Tudors! Peterson Tudor:** **PAINT** (stucco) Eaglet Beige #7573 and (trim) Black Bean #6006, both sherwinwilliams.com. **Underwood Tudor:** **PAINT** (stucco) Sag Harbor Gray #HC-95 and (trim) Gloucester Sage #HC-100, both benjaminmoore.com. **DiPiazza Tudor:** **PAINT** (stucco) Antique White #OC-83 and (trim) Tudor Brown #Ext. RM, both benjaminmoore.com.

#### MISSION MAKEOVER

**Pages 97–100 Now, That's a Finished Basement!** **PAINT** Sheer Romance #837, benjaminmoore.com. **SOFA** Seabury sectional, potterybarn.com. **OTTOMAN** Inman, hickorychair.com. **FABRICS** (pillows on couch, from left) Ziggurat in navy on Tint by Alan Campbell; Saya Gata in orange on tint, Charade in navy on tint, both by China Seas, all Quadrille Fabrics; (ottoman) Stipedot in fire by Studio Bon; (on counter stools) Lime micro-suede fabric by Designer's Guild, Osborne & Little, all decorativebuyingservice.com. **THROW** Richard Nixon in orange/natural, jonathanadler.com. **CARPET** blue, Nigohsian Carpet & Rugs, Needham, MA, 781-444-7847. **RUG** zebra, jonathanadler.com. **SIDE TABLE** Martini in white, westelm.com. **CONSOLE** Double Happiness in coral, redegg.com. **LAMPS** glass egg with burlap shade by Jaime Young, laylagrace.com. **WALLPAPER** Chiang Mai Dragon in China Blue #5001062 by Schumacher, decorativebuyingservice.com. **SIDEBOARD** Double Happiness tall in coral, redegg.com. **LAMP** Artichoke in douglas fir, straydogdesigns.com. **COUNTER STOOLS** Marcello, ballarddesigns.com. **PILLOWS** (on stools) Mod Peace and Mod Love needlepoint, jonathanadler.com. **GAME TABLE** Treviso, brunswickbilliards.com. **BOOKSHELVES** Stella, olystudio.com. **Pages 102–103 Change It or Chuck It!** **PAINT** (armoire) Ponderosa Pine #531 in satin finish, benjaminmoore.com. **Pages 105–109 "I Married My Contractor..." Front Porch:** **PAINT** (front door) custom. For a similar look, try Pepper Grass #420B-7, behr.com; (exterior) Silver Satin #OC-26, benjaminmoore.com. **Living Room:** **PAINT** (walls) Swiss Coffee #OC-45, benjaminmoore.com. **SOFAS** discontinued. For a similar look, try "Swinton Tweed," \$649, urbanoutfitters.com. **COFFEE TABLE AND FLOOR LAMP** Arcanum Antiques

Interiors, Savannah, 912-236-6000. **LANTERN** antique. For a similar look, try lighttrends.com. **Nursery:** **PAINT** (walls) Seafoam #WV36007 by Waverly, Lowe's stores. **CRIB** Robin, oeufnyc.com. **ROCKING CHAIR** Eames, hivemodern.com. **CHAIR** antique; (reupholstery fabric) fabrikafinefabrics.com. **GARLAND** lovelanedesigns.com. **DEER** Peridot Antiques, Savannah, 912-596-1117. **Bathroom:** **PAINT** (walls) Seafoam #WV36007 by Waverly, Lowe's stores. **SHOWER CURTAIN** Kaiku cotton fabric, marimekko.com. **Home Office:** **PAINT** (walls) Swiss Coffee #OC-45 and (desk) Pear Green #2028-40, benjaminmoore.com. **FABRIC PANEL** Kumari Garden in teal, fabrikafinefabrics.com. **Kitchen:** **PAINT** (walls and cabinets) Swiss Coffee #OC-45, benjaminmoore.com. **RUG** worldmarket.com.

#### KITCHEN CHRONICLES

**Pages 120–122 Last-Minute Chip & Dip Party Pick Up a Few Brews:** **BEER** prices are approximate, grocery stores nationwide. **Pages 124–126 10 Big Hits From a Dreamy Kitchen:** **PAINT** (walls) Creamy #SW7012, sherwinwilliams.com. **CABINETS** wellborn.com. **POT FILLER AND SINK FAUCET** deltafaucet.com. **FURNITURE, LIGHTING, AND RUG** ethanallen.com. **TILE** (backsplash) Legacy Glass #LG07 in Wedgewood Blue (2' x 2') and (border above range) Legacy Glass #LG09 in Flint (4' x 4'), americanolean.com.

#### WEEKENDING

**Page 135–136 When Was the Last Time You Cleaned...** **BRUSHES** (from left) RickyCare Concave Ceramic barrel (2"), rickysnyc.com; vented paddle, philippingsley.com; Be Your Adventure round, remington products.com; Mason Pearson Pure Boar Bristle in Handy Size, lockandmane.com. **FRIDGE BINS** Krups's Kitchen & Bath, New York, 212-243-5787. ■

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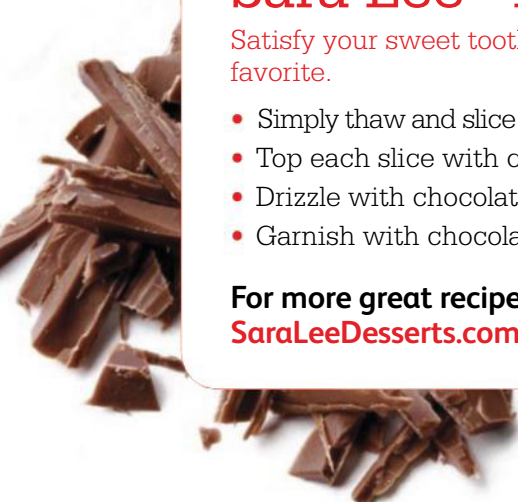
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# one last question...

We tossed out a single Q to some of your favorite **HGTV** hosts.

“What’s something in your house that looks expensive but was actually a steal?”

“I was shopping on etsy.com when I found a gorgeous throw pillow. The front is covered in white beads that form a chevron pattern, and the back is silk. It would retail for \$150 in a boutique, but I scooped it up for \$35.”

—Sabrina Soto, *The High Low Project*



“How’s \$60 for a pair of chandeliers? I came across them on the basement floor of a salvage store in New York City (always look down!). They were white with colored flowers. I painted them glossy black, and they went from sad to brilliant.”

—Genevieve Gorder, *Dear Genevieve*



“I paid \$75 for a Bergère armchair I found at the Fort Greene flea market in Brooklyn. The high back and nailheads make it look really pricey, and because it’s white, I knew it would work in any room.”

—Cortney Novogratz, *Home by Novogratz*



“The planets aligned when I stumbled upon four filthy dining room chairs in the back corner of Scavenger’s Paradise in L.A. I bought them for \$40 (that’s \$10 a chair!), stained them all fuchsia, and re-covered the cushions.”

—Tanika Ray, *HGTV’d*



“While we were shooting in San Francisco, I picked up a metal sculpture of a maple tree branch for \$15 at a garage sale. The colors mimic the sunlight from the facing windows in my living room. Amazing deal!”

—John Gidding, *Curb Appeal*



“I have a woven lunch box that I use for stashing keys. It’s loaded with detailed handwork, so it looks much more expensive than it is. I paid 40 cents for it at a roadside stand in Laos—no negotiating needed! Great design comes in all sizes. Keep an open mind.”

—Vern Yip, *HGTV Design Star*



“I got my navy velvet sofa for \$700, which was a splurge when I bought it two years ago at a vintage store in Portland, OR. It’s a real conversation piece, deep and tufted, and it could easily be mistaken for a chichi antique.”

—Emily Henderson, *Secrets From a Stylist*





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